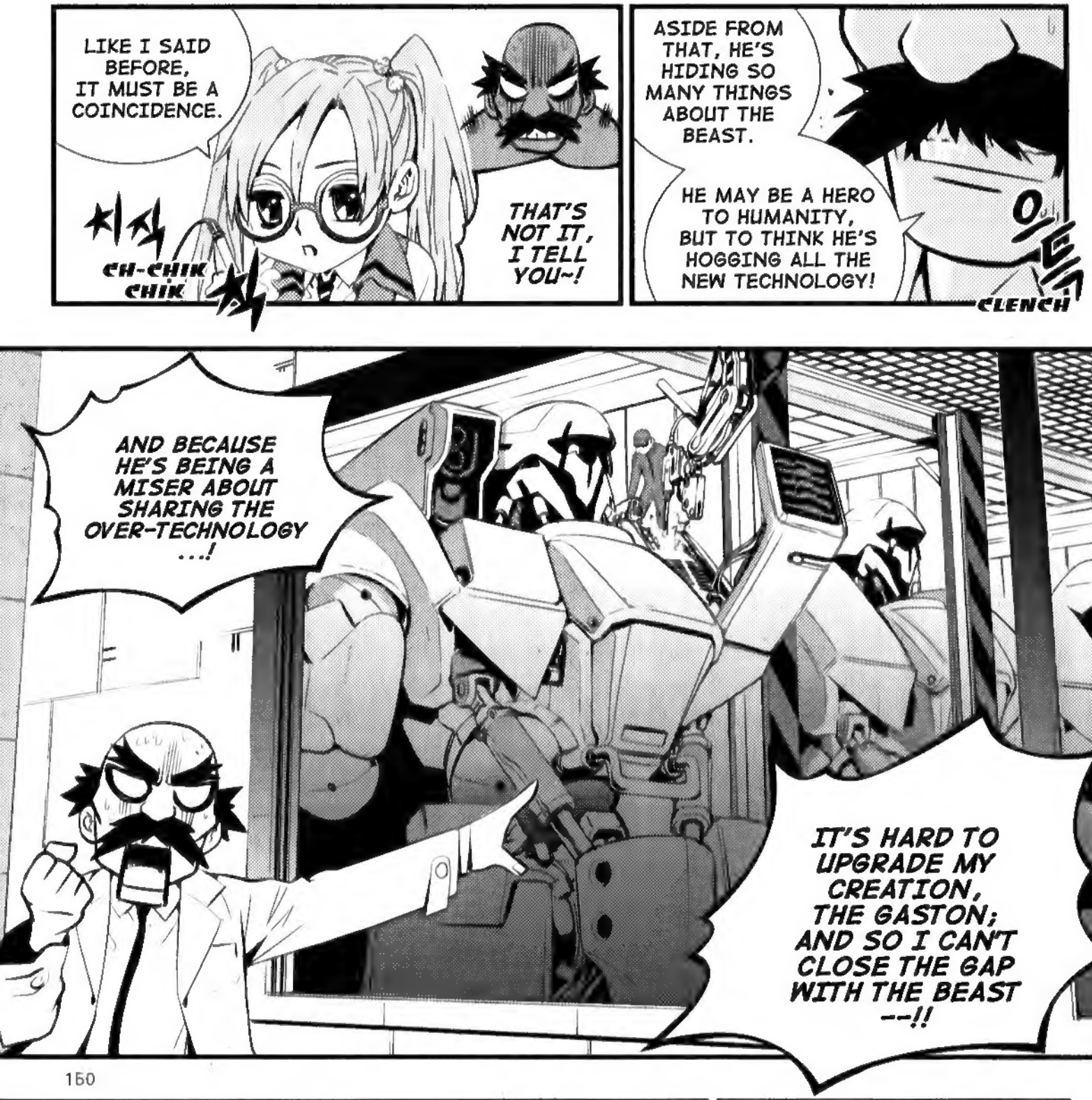
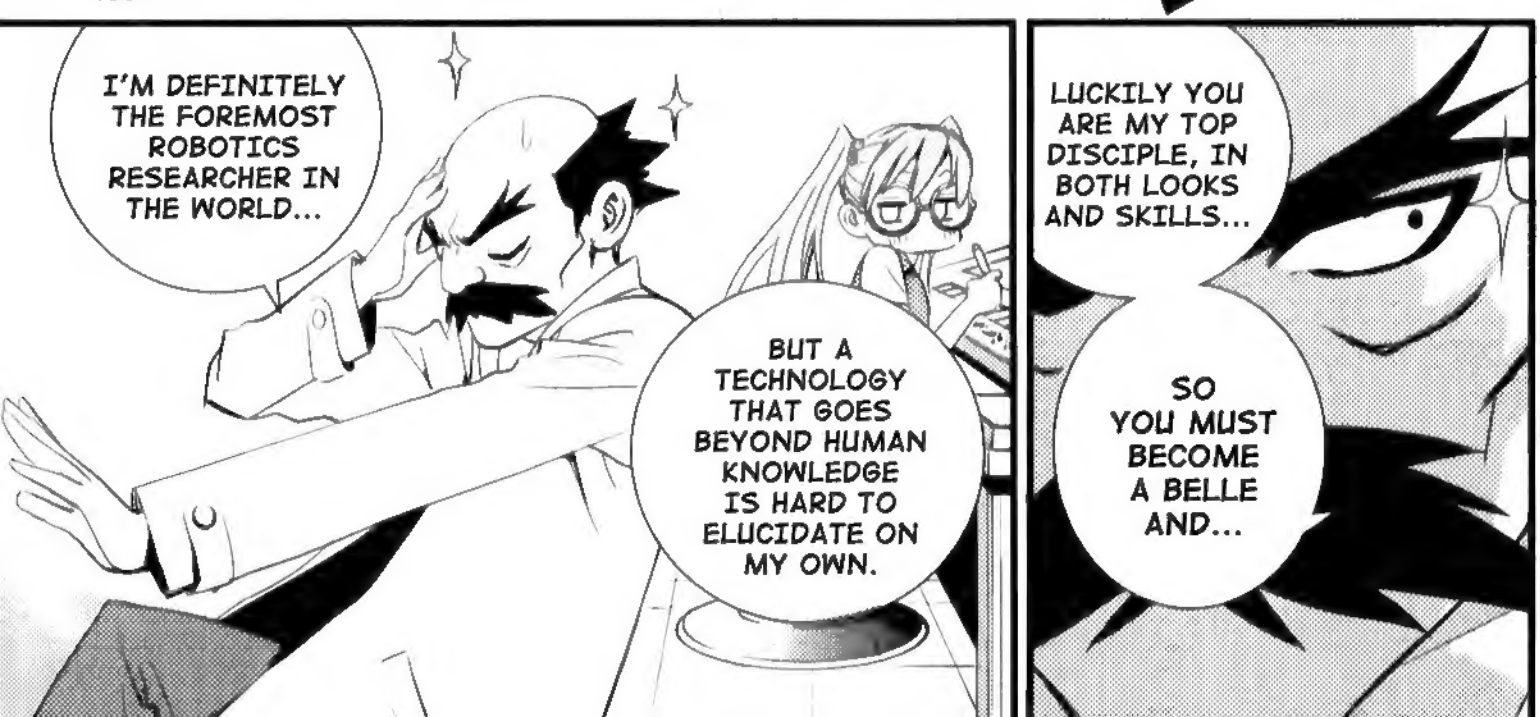
MAGIC 05. Dr. MORRIS

CLAIRANCE --!!
YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE, CLAIRANCE HOWE--!
OR RATHER, WHAT'S WITH THAT GET-UP?!
HUH?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DR. MORRIS? THIS IS JUST MY SCHOOL UNIFORM.
I'LL GET GOING AFTER I FINISH THIS.
N- NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT ...!

TWIN-TAILS AND GLASSES...!
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU WON'T BE PICKED AS A BELLE WITH THAT "MOE" APPEARANCE!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT? MAGIC DOESN'T PICK BELLE BASED ON LOOKS...
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
ACCORDING TO THE DATA I COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS...
ALL THE CADETS THAT THE BASTARD VINCENT PICKED AS BEAST'S FEMALE PILOTS --
THEY ALL HAD BEAUTIFUL FACES AND NICE BODIES, ON TOP OF THEIR PILOTING SKILLS!!
THEY AREN'T CALLED BELLE FOR NOTHING!


LIKE I SAID BEFORE, IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE.
CH-CHIK CHIK
THAT'S NOT IT, I TELL YOU~!
ASIDE FROM THAT, HE'S HIDING SO MANY THINGS ABOUT THE BEAST.
HE MAY BE A HERO TO HUMANITY, BUT TO THINK HE'S HOGGING ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY!
CLENCH
AND BECAUSE HE'S BEING A MISER ABOUT SHARING THE OVER-TECHNOLOGY ...!
IT'S HARD TO UPGRADE MY CREATION, THE GASTON; AND SO I CAN'T CLOSE THE GAP WITH THE BEAST --!!

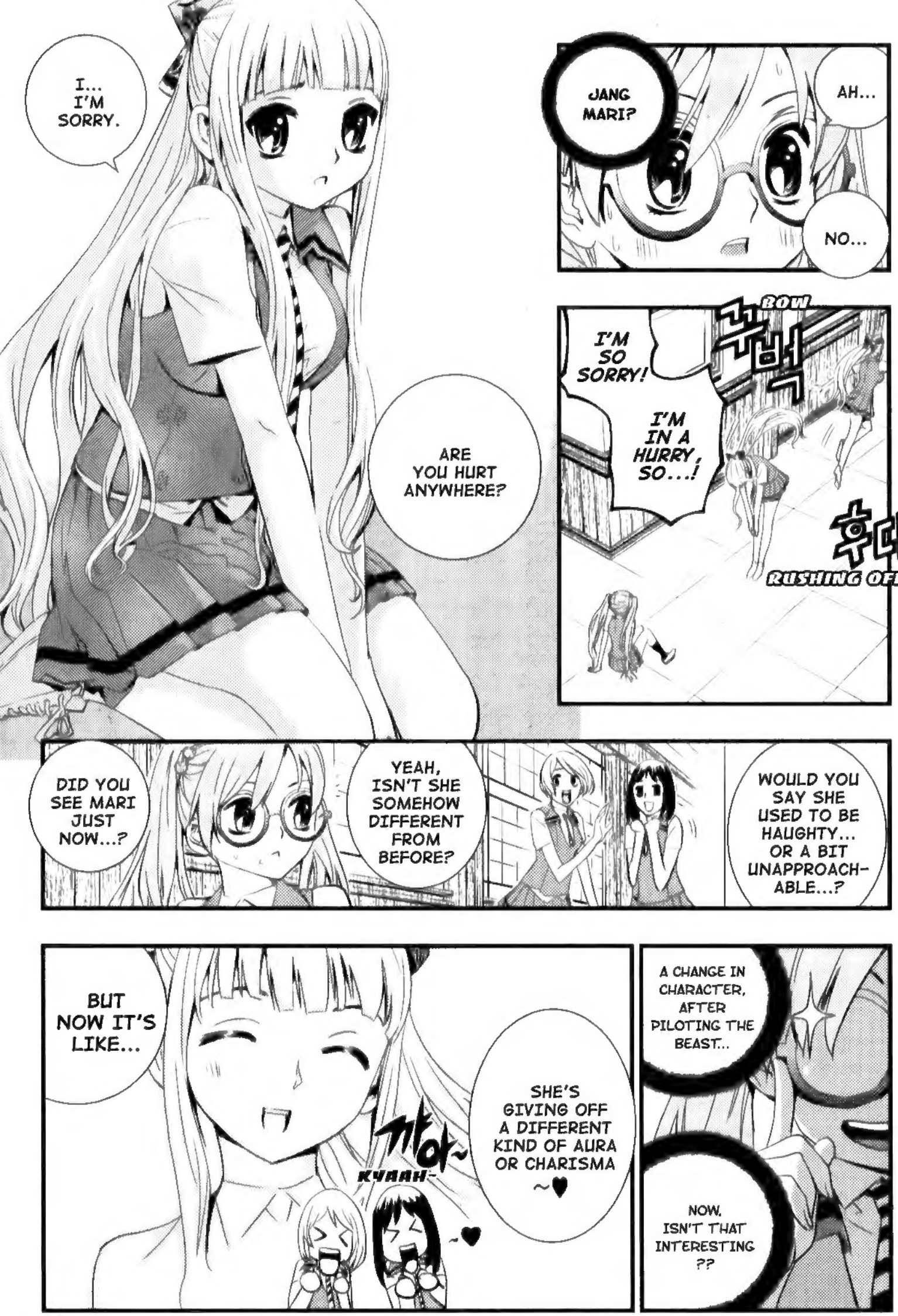

I'M DEFINITELY THE FOREMOST ROBOTICS RESEARCHER IN THE WORLD...
BUT A TECHNOLOGY THAT GOES BEYOND HUMAN KNOWLEDGE IS HARD TO ELUCIDATE ON MY OWN.
LUCKILY YOU ARE MY TOP DISCIPLE, IN BOTH LOOKS AND SKILLS...
SO YOU MUST BECOME A BELLE AND...

COMPLETE YOUR MISSION, WHICH IS TO GATHER TOP-SECRET INFO ON THE BEAST.
NOW! TRANSFORM INTO A PRETTY GIRL WITH THESE SPECIAL-MADE, SEDUCTIVE CONTACT LENSES AND THIS PUSH-UP BRA; AND VINCENT WILL FALL...!
SQUIRT
AHHH! THERE ARE STAINS ON THIS PUSH-UP BRA I SPENT A FORTUNE ON--!
YOU~~~ CLAIRANCE HOWE! STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU!!
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL.
THAT'S MY CREATION OVER THERE, SO DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH IT!

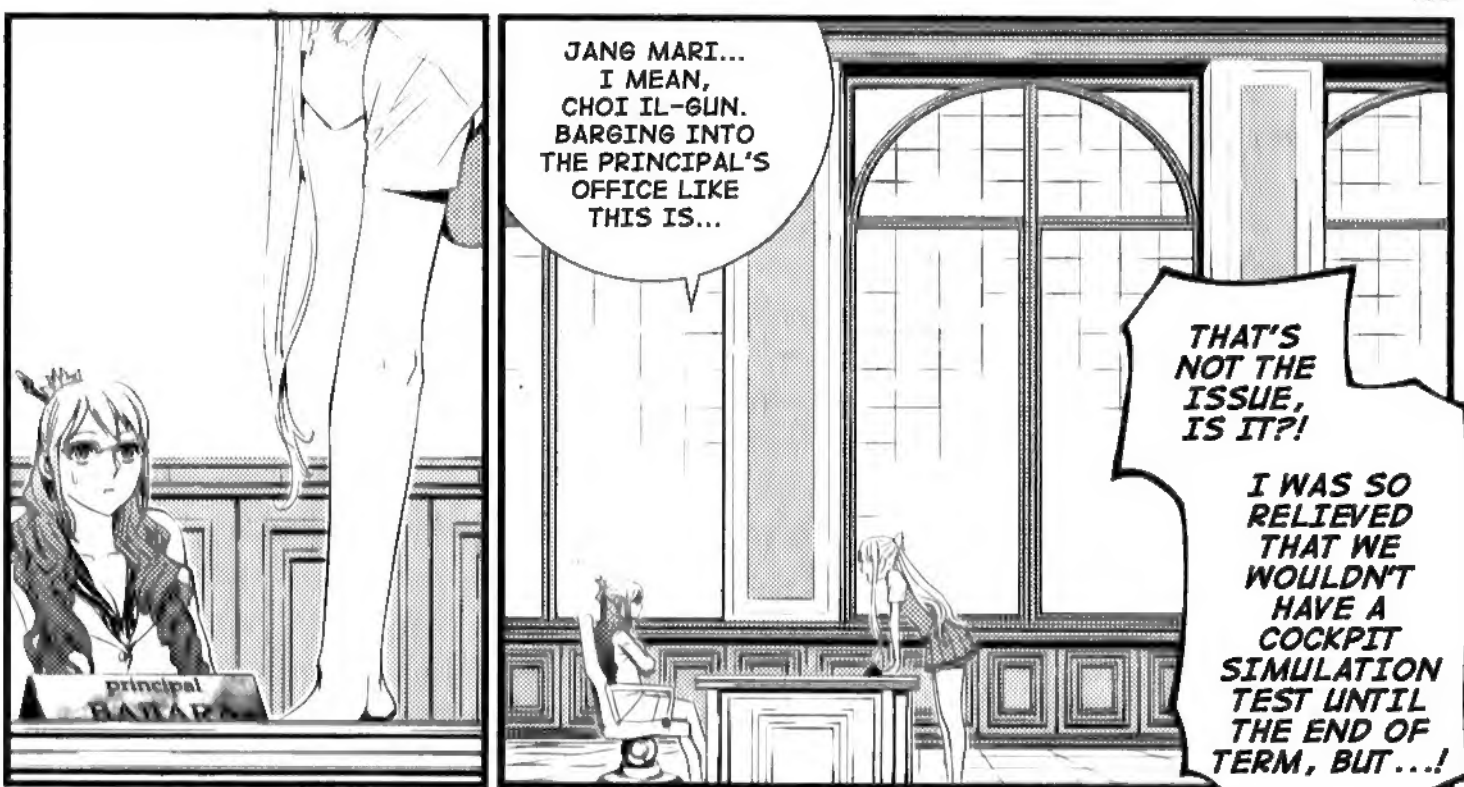
DAMMIT~ AFTER ALL MY EFFORT IN RAISING HER AS A DISCIPLE ...
BEEP --
IIING
GOOD DAY, DR. MORRIS.
MAYOR SANDERLY?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 9TH BEAST UNIT?
SERIOUSLY, WHY NOT GIVE JUST HALF OF THAT BUDGET TO ME?!
ISN'T VINCENT GOING TO DO ALL THE BEAST MODIFICATION BY HIMSELF, ANYWAY --?
SPEAKING OF THE 9TH BEAST...
IT SEEMS HE WILL AWAKEN IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN BEFORE.
YOU KNOW...
KEKEKEH
THAT I CAN HARDLY PASS UP A CHANCE LIKE THAT.

SERIOUSLY--
I ENLISTED IN THE MAGIC BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN THE BEAST...
HOWEVER...
I NEVER SAID I DID IT FOR YOU, MASTER.
FOR STARTERS, YOUR METHODS ARE TOO DIRTY FOR THE WORLD'S TOP SCIENTIST...
TADADA

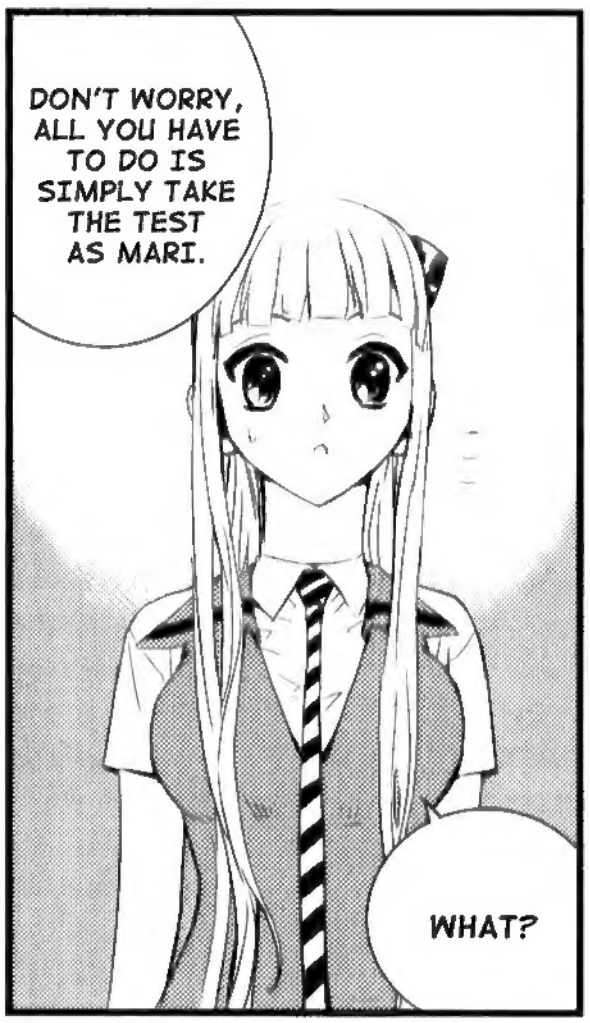
KYAAH?!
BAM
OW OW OW...!
AH...!


I... I'M SORRY.
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
JANG MARI?
AH...
NO...
BOW
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M IN A HURRY, SO...!
RUSHING OFF
DID YOU SEE MARI JUST NOW...?
YEAH, ISN'T SHE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE?
WOULD YOU SAY SHE USED TO BE HAUGHTY... OR A BIT UNAPPROACH-ABLE...?
BUT NOW IT'S LIKE...
KYAAH~
SHE'S GIVING OFF A DIFFERENT KIND OF AURA OR CHARISMA ~♥
A CHANGE IN CHARACTER, AFTER PILOTING THE BEAST...
NOW, ISN'T THAT INTERESTING ??

WHA- WHA- WHA- WHAT DO I DO?! IT'S A RE-TEST --!!
BOOM


principal
JANG MARI... I MEAN, CHOI IL-GUN. BARGING INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE LIKE THIS IS...
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE, IS IT?!
I WAS SO RELIEVED THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE A COCKPIT SIMULATION TEST UNTIL THE END OF TERM, BUT...!

IF I, AS MARI, GET A FAILING SCORE IN THIS TEST, THERE WILL BE A GREAT UPROAR.
AND THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN SKIP, LIKE THE SWIM LESSON...


DON'T WORRY, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIMPLY TAKE THE TEST AS MARI.
WHAT?

OF COURSE, YOUR SCORE WILL BE MANIPULATED.
I ALREADY HAD A SPECIAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE TESTING SYSTEM.

BUT THAT'S...!
SINCE MARI USUALLY RECEIVES THE HIGHEST MARKS, NO ONE WILL SUSPECT ANYTHING.

BUT... CHEATING IS...
JANG MARI IS...
LE PRINCE'S TOP TALENT, AND OUR STRONGEST CANDIDATE FOR THE BEAST PILOT.
FOR HER TO FAIL SUDDENLY, AND CAUSE AN UPROAR -- WE WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN, EITHER.
ESPECIALLY IF THEY INTERPRET IT AS, "SHE FELL APART AFTER PILOTING A BEAST IN REAL BATTLE"...
……!

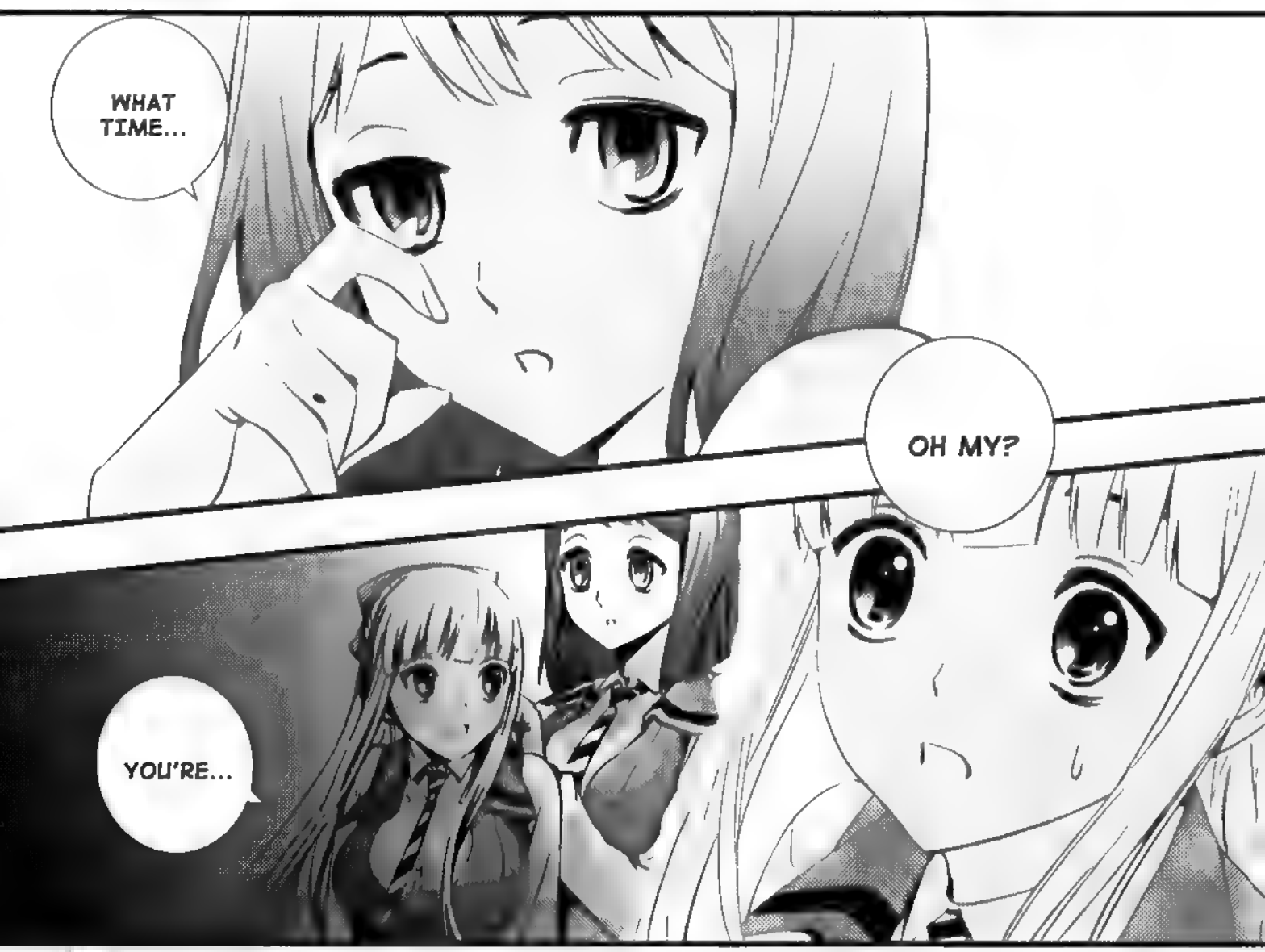
UNTIL HER CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS...
YOU MUST POSE AS "MARI" AS NATURALLY AS POSSIBLE.

THINK OF IT AS A WAY TO PREVENT ANY LEAKS OF NEGATIVE INFO...
ABOUT THE BEAST, WHICH FIGHTS AGAINST ERASER FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE.

OR... DO YOU HAVE SOME SECRET PLAN...
TO OVERCOME YOUR CLAUSTROPHOBIA, AND SCORE AS HIGHLY AS MARI DID?

THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE A SECRET PLAN...
SO, SHOULD I JUST FOLLOW WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SAYS?
BUT THAT'S...
TOO CRUEL TO HANA...
UNLESS THERE'S A MAGICAL SOLUTION OUT THERE...
HAAAHHH-
I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER WAY.
!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A COCKPIT AS MARI, HAVE I?

SHOULD I... TRY IT OUT?
PSHIIIII
WHOA?!
"YAWN~"
I GUESS I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP...


WHAT TIME...
OH MY?
YOU'RE...

EH... YOU'RE JANG MARI, RIGHT? DID YOU COME HERE TO PRACTICE?
OH... YEAH, THAT...
OH, HOW EMBARRASSING- I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP WHILE PRACTICING.
AHAHA...
HM?
KA-BOOM
TREMBLE
HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
UH... THAT... THERE... BETWEEN... THE LEGS...

BETWEEN THE LEGS...
OH, THIS?
WAAAAH ~!!

TADA~

IT'S A NORMAL BOWLING PIN, ISN'T IT?
I BORROWED IT FROM THE STUDENT LOUNGE.
B- BUT, WHY... BETWEEN YOUR LEGS...?

IT'S BECAUSE THEY DECIDED TO SUDDENLY RE-TEST US.
ACTUALLY, MY CONCENTRATION WAVERS A LOT...
SO I ASKED MY BUTLER, IS THERE A WAY TO NOT GET NERVOUS, AND CONCENTRATE BETTER...
BUTLER?

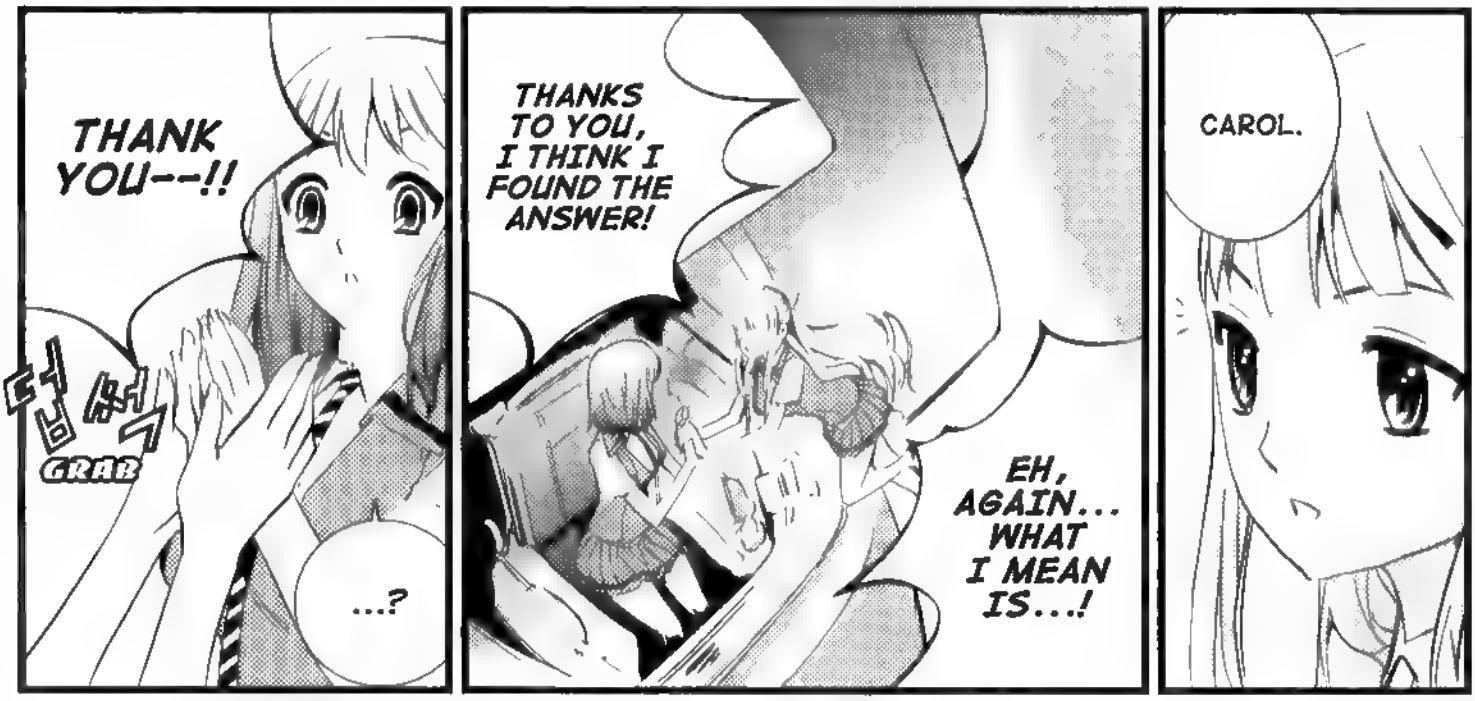
HAHAHA
WE MEN FORGET OUR NERVES AND CONCENTRATE SO MUCH BETTER, WHEN WE GRAB OUR @$&#$!!
...IS WHAT HE SAID.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING A GIRL THERE?

I GUESS IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO IMITATE...?
SWIPE SWIPE
I GUESS IT REALLY HAS TO CONNECT TO THE BODY...
WAH~!! WAH~!!

UH, UM, IF IT'S FOR A WOMAN...
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN GRAB?
JUST WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING--?!
AHHHHHHHH~
THAT MAKES SENSE, BUT--
THERE ARE TWO, SO WHICH ONE SHOULD I GRAB?
IF I USE BOTH HANDS, THEN I CAN'T HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLLER ...
NO, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO USE BOTH HANDS...
!
WELL...? HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN A LITTLE?
IF YOU'RE COMFORTED BY THIS...

BA-DUM
WE CAN'T HAVE MARI FAIL AND CAUSE AN UPROAR.
I ONLY WANT TO HAVE A SHOWDOWN WITH YOU WHEN YOU'RE BACK TO 100% PHYSICALLY--!!

BA-DUM

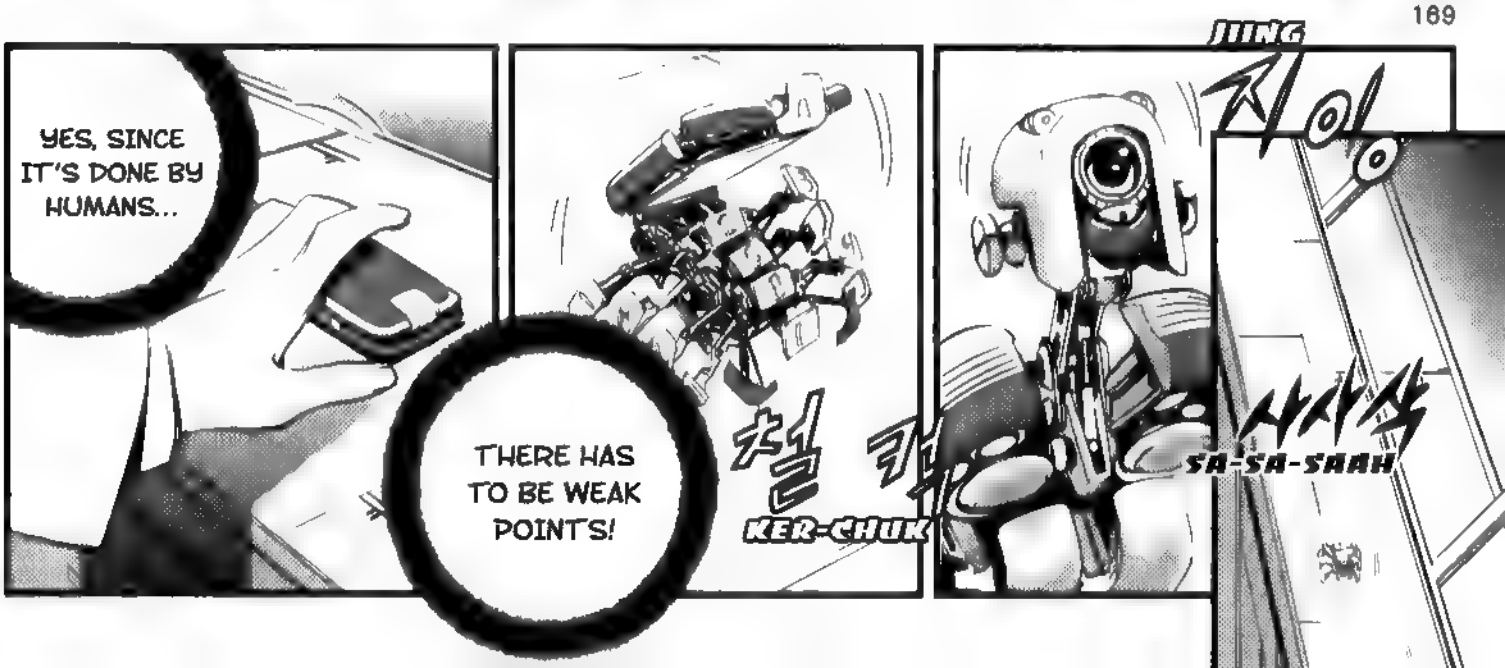

THANK YOU--!!
GRAB
...?
THANKS TO YOU, I THINK I FOUND THE ANSWER!
EH, AGAIN... WHAT I MEAN IS...!
CAROL.

I'M CAROL BROWN.
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT IF IT HELPED YOU, THEN I'M HAPPY.

KUOOOOOH
KIIIING
KER-CHUK
BEAST 6. ARRIVAL AT THE BASE, NOW COMPLETE.

BEGINNING GUARD DUTY IMMEDIATELY
GOOOOM
GOOOOM
IT'S A SHAME YOUR MEETING WITH MARI HAD TO BE DELAYED, LUKE.
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M ABOUT TO WITNESS THE BIRTH OF A NEW BEAST, THANKS TO THIS...

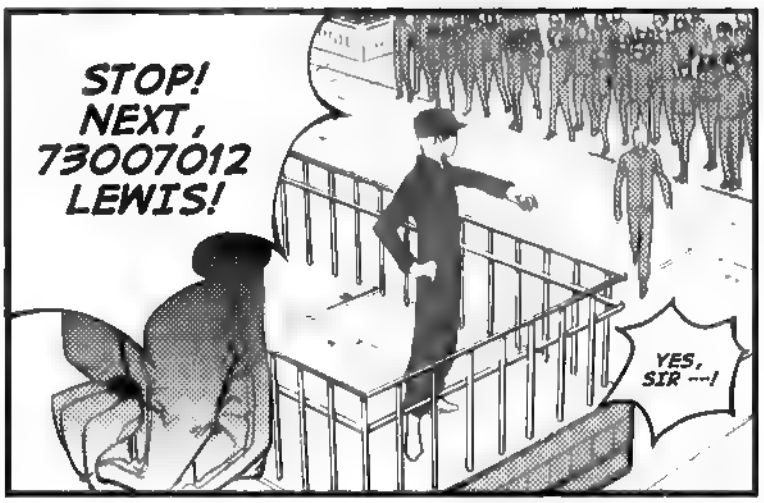
HOH~ SO BEAST 6 IS ON STANDBY?
SLICK
AS USUAL, I'M JUST PREPARING FOR THE "WHAT-IF'S", DR. MORRIS.
LONG TIME NO SEE, MR. VINCENT. BUT...
I DON'T SEE YOUR BELOVED CATHERINE WITH YOU TODAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SHE SAID...
SHE HAD MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.
OHHH? THAT IS INDEED HARD TO BELIEVE...
BUT I'M NOT WORRIED, SINCE ALL THE PREPARATIONS ARE PERFECT.
LET'S NOT GET COCKY NOW. AFTER ALL, IT'S ALL DONE BY HUMAN HANDS...

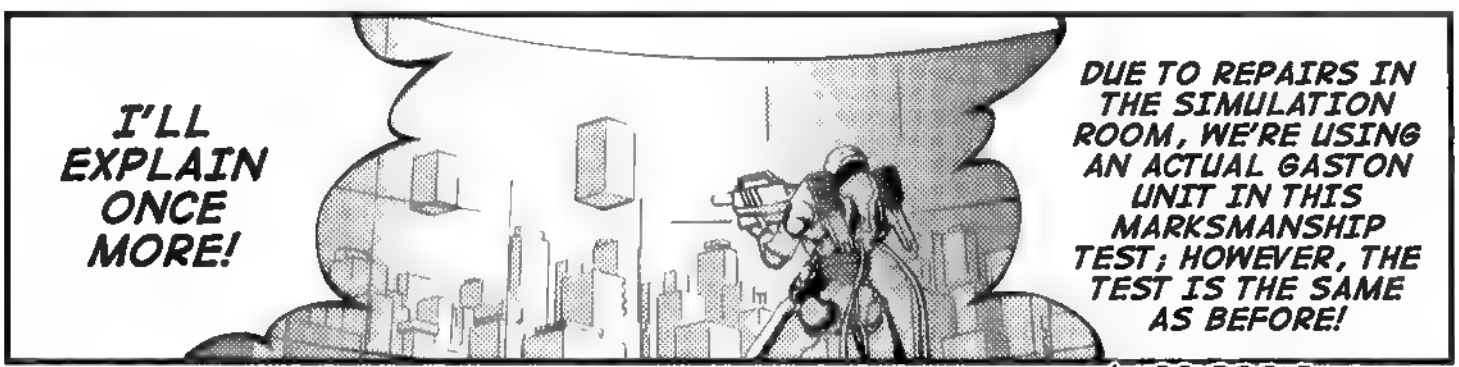

YES, SINCE IT'S DONE BY HUMANS...
THERE HAS TO BE WEAK POINTS!
KER-CHUK
JUNG
SA-SA-SAAH

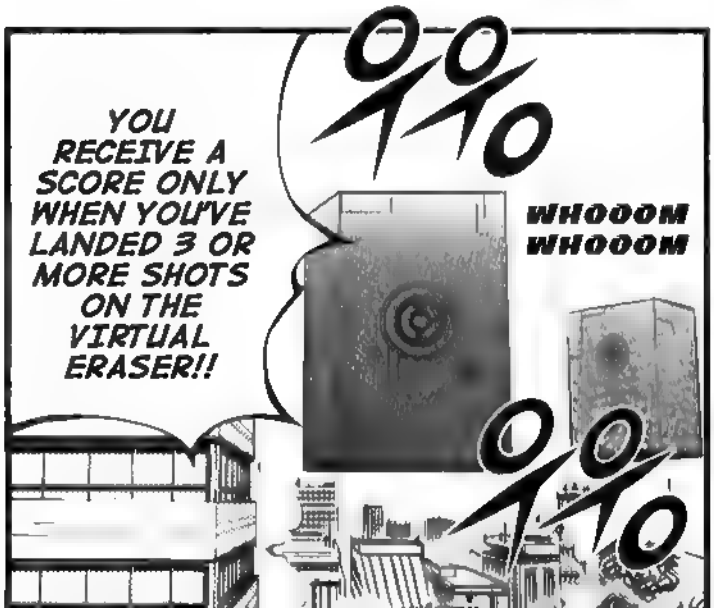
SHUNG
VOOOOOOOM
BEAST UNIT 9, TEST ACTIVATION, COUNTDOWN, BEGIN --

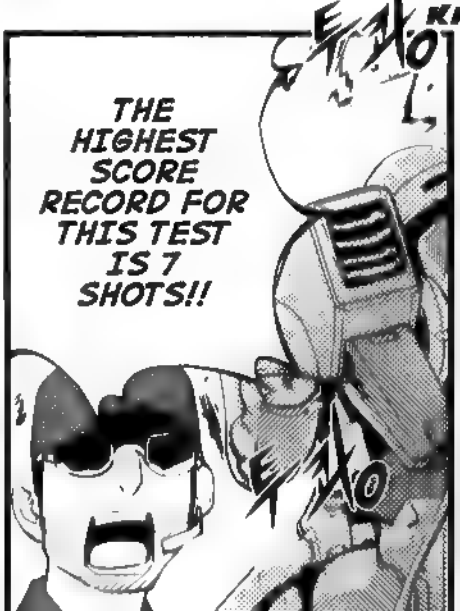
KA-BOOM

BEEP


STOP! NEXT, 73007012 LEWIS!
YES, SIR ---!


I'LL EXPLAIN ONCE MORE!
DUE TO REPAIRS IN THE SIMULATION ROOM, WE'RE USING AN ACTUAL GASTON UNIT IN THIS MARKSMANSHIP TEST; HOWEVER, THE TEST IS THE SAME AS BEFORE!


YOU RECEIVE A SCORE ONLY WHEN YOU'VE LANDED 3 OR MORE SHOTS ON THE VIRTUAL ERASER!!
WHOOOM WHOOOM


KA-BOOM KA-BOOM
THE HIGHEST SCORE RECORD FOR THIS TEST IS 7 SHOTS!!

NEXT, YOO HANA ---!
YES, SIR!

AH....
DO YOUR BEST!

?!

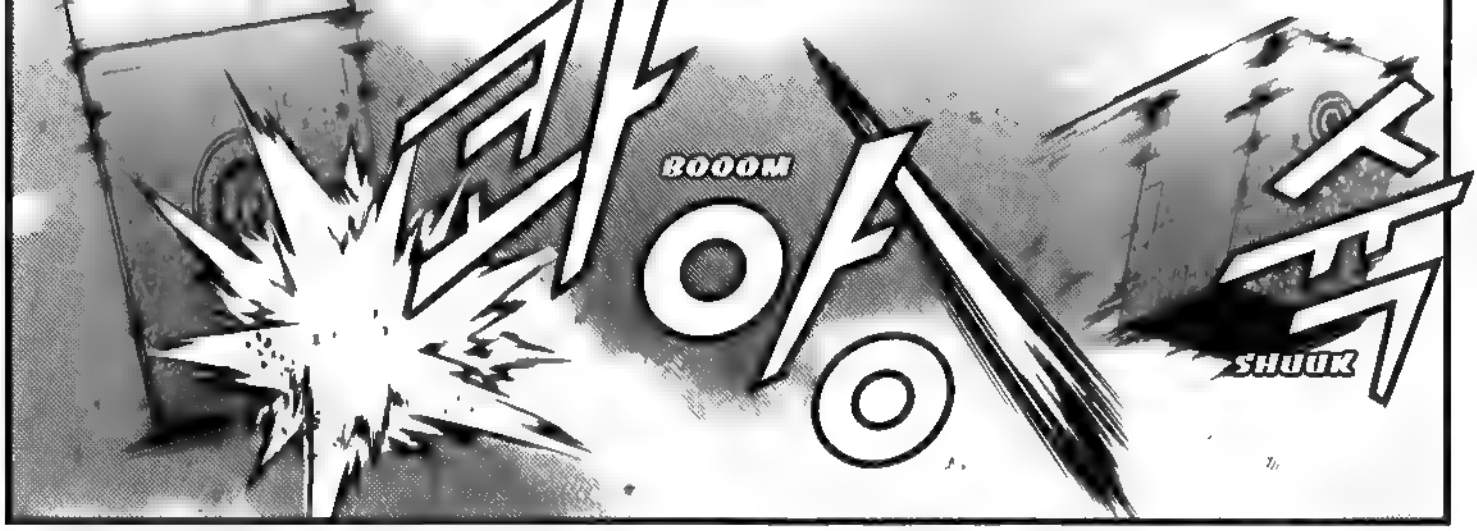
OH NO! I JUST SAID IT WITHOUT THINKING...
DID YOU SEE THAT?
SHE WAS ENCOUR-AGING HANA...!
WHAT IS THAT GIRL THINKING...?! YOU'RE MY RIVAL, Y'KNOW!!
ACTING ALL FRIENDLY JUST BECAUSE WE TOOK A BATH TOGETHER...!

BOOM
BOOM
SHUUNG
THIS IS A SHOWDOWN!!
THAT GIRL... SOMETHING SUBTLE HAS CHANGED ABOUT HER.

HER EXPRESSION IS ALMOST AS IF..

CHEER UP!

...!

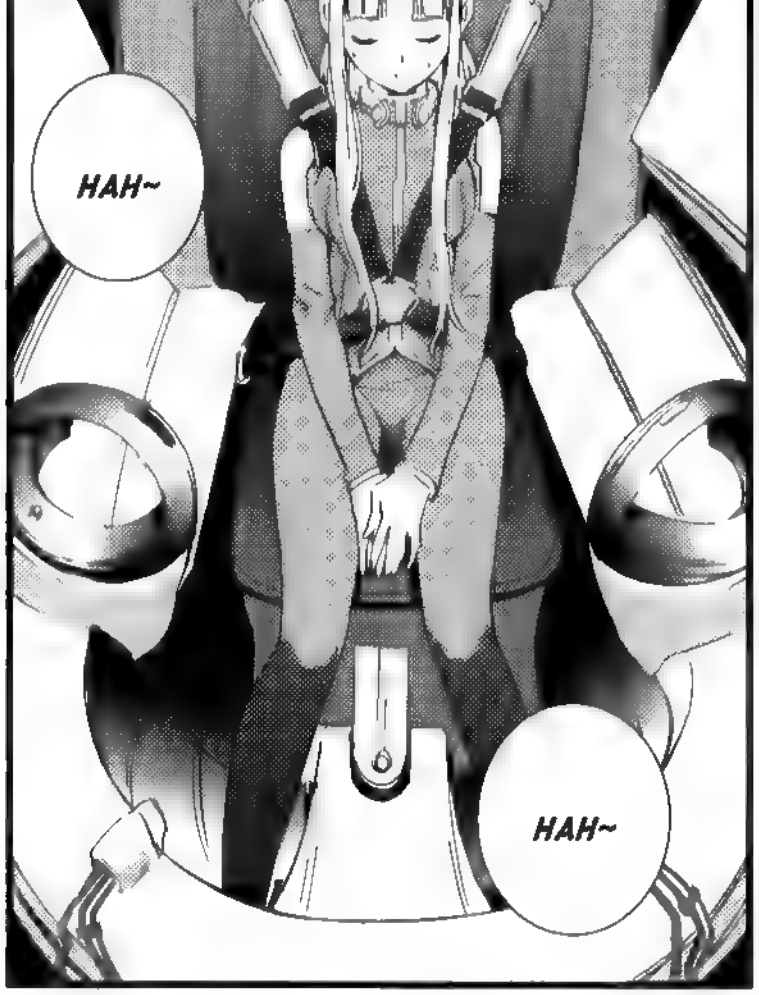

BOOOM
SHUUK

BEEP--

5 SHOTS ON-TARGET! THAT'S YOO HANA FOR YA!
BUT LAST TIME MARI HAD 6 SHOTS, RIGHT?!

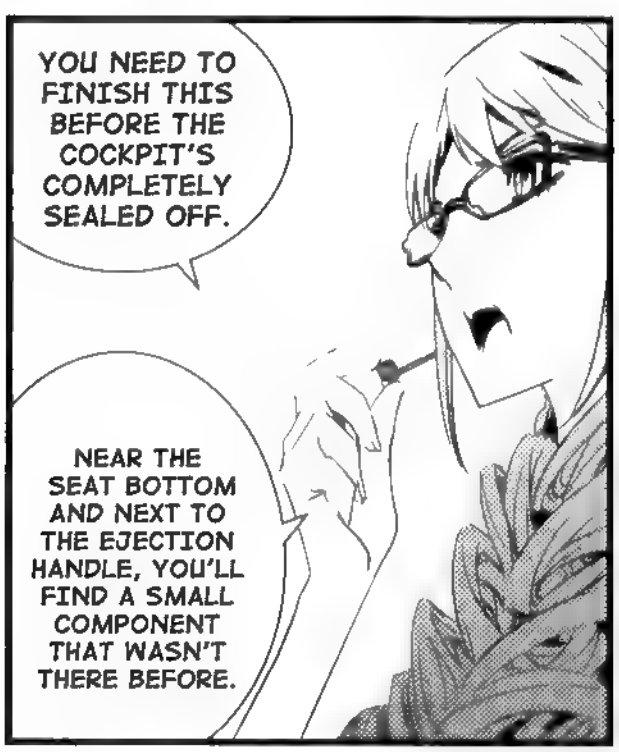
BAM
I MADE A MISTAKE --!!
I COULD HAVE HIT ONE MORE, BUT...!

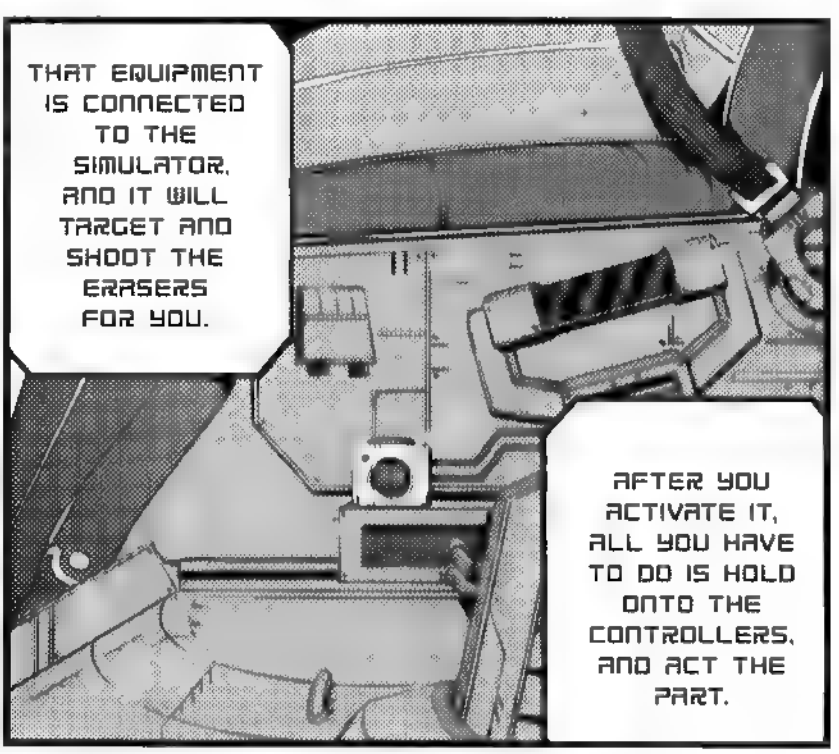
NEXT, 73008103, JANG MARI!
Y-YES, SIR!

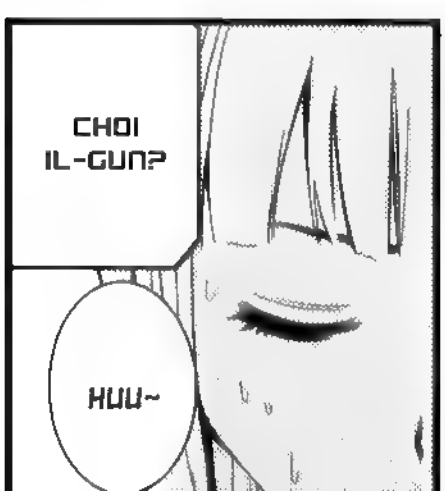

HAH~
HAH~

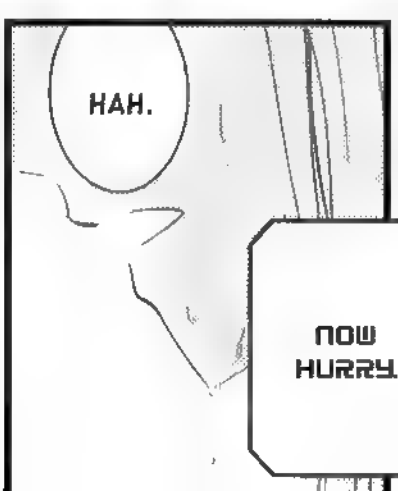
JIING
WE'RE CLOSING THE COCKPIT. 7 SECONDS TILL THE TEST STARTS...

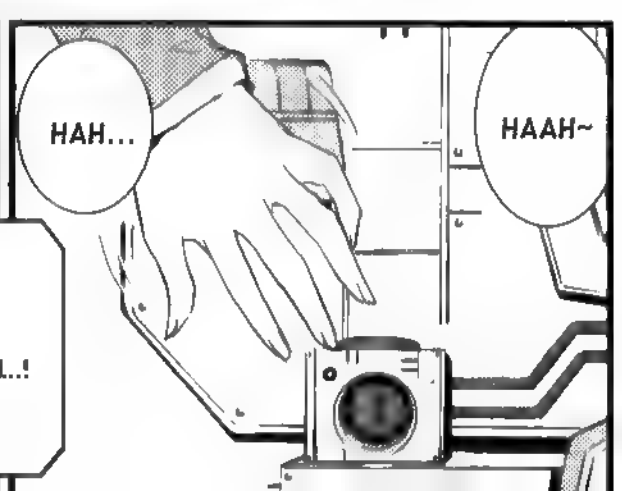
CAN YOU HEAR ME, CHOI IL-GUN?
BEEP
AH, YES...
WHEN DID SHE INSTALL THIS IN MY RIBBON...?


YOU NEED TO FINISH THIS BEFORE THE COCKPIT'S COMPLETELY SEALED OFF.
NEAR THE SEAT BOTTOM AND NEXT TO THE EJECTION HANDLE, YOU'LL FIND A SMALL COMPONENT THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE.


THAT EQUIPMENT IS CONNECTED TO THE SIMULATOR. AND IT WILL TARGET AND SHOOT THE ERASERS FOR YOU.
AFTER YOU ACTIVATE IT, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLLERS, AND ACT THE PART.


CHOI IL-GUN?
HUU~


HAH.
NOW HURRY..!


HAH...
HAAH~

RRRIIIIP
HOLD ON! CHOI IL-GUN, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING --?!
WE CAN'T MANIPULATE THE SCORE IF YOU DO THAT...!

I'M SORRY...
HAH
HAH
BUT...
I REALLY DON'T THINK I CAN'T CHEAT...
YOU'RE ALREADY HYPERVEN-TILATING, DON'T KID AROUND--!!
MORE THAN THAT, EVEN MARI... WOULDN'T APPROVE OF... CHEATING...
INHALE
AND BESIDES...
I HAVE A PLAN.

I'LL SHOW YOU I CAN PASS.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE HIGHEST SCORE, THOUGH...
...?!
COCKPIT LOCK--
CHK

WHOOOM
TEST, BEGIN!!
WHOOSH

VOOOOM
...4...
...3...
VOOOOM
...2...
...1...
VOOOOM
O--!
SPIRITUAL EGG CONTACT MADE!
ALL SECTIONS CHECK, COMPLETE!!
VOOM VOOM VOOM VOOM

BEAST UNIT 9.
FINAL SEAL RELEASED --!!

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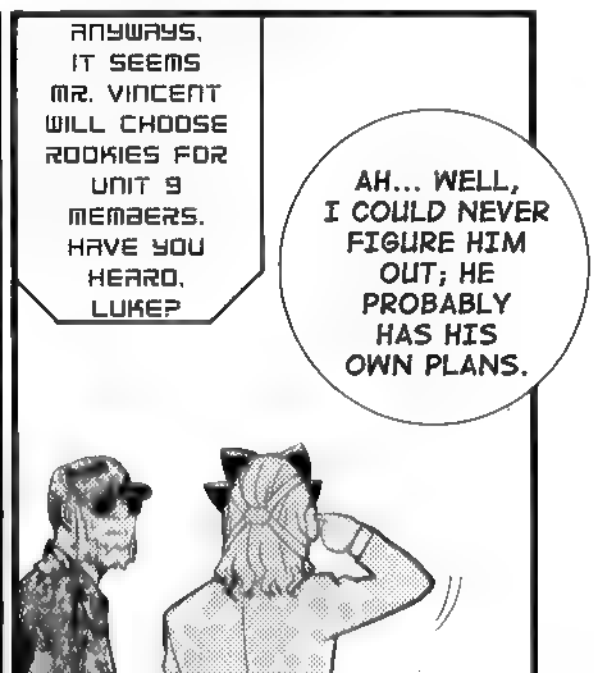
Beast 9
비스트 나인

찌릉
ECHOING LOUDLY
찌릉
SPIRITUAL EGO, ALL SECTIONS' CONNECTIONS ARE EXCELLENT!
ALL GREEN --!!
IT'S A SUCCESS, VINCENT!
AHHHH...
I WELCOME YOU AS A MEMBER OF MAGIC!
BEAST UNIT 9 --!!

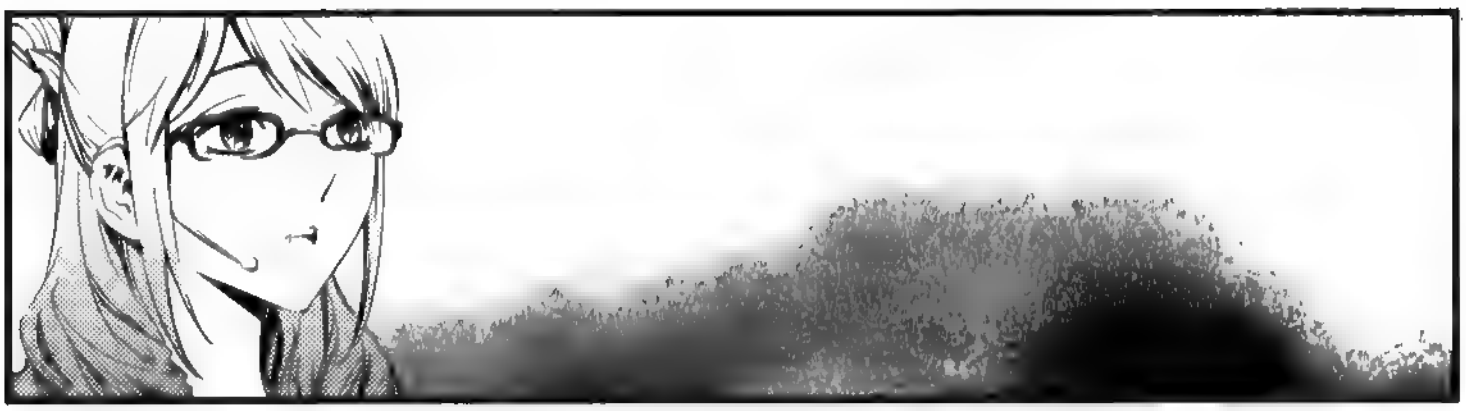
NOW, NOW, UNIT 6... IT'S ALRIGHT.
A CUTE DONGSENG* HAS AWAKENED. NO NEED TO BE SO EXCITED.
HAS HE CALMED DOWN? WHAT A STRANGE REACTION THOUGH...

[*- YOUNGER SIBLING]

I THINK HE WAS STIRRED UP BY UNIT 9'S SHOW OF POWER.
A BEAST SPECIALIZING IN 2ND-GEN ERASER... IT MUST BE QUITE SOMETHING ELSE, THEN.


ANYWAYS, IT SEEMS MR. VINCENT WILL CHOOSE ROOKIES FOR UNIT 9 MEMBERS. HAVE YOU HEARD, LUKE?
AH... WELL, I COULD NEVER FIGURE HIM OUT; HE PROBABLY HAS HIS OWN PLANS.

BUT IF SO...
DON'T YOU THINK MARI WILL BECOME THE BELLE FOR UNIT 9?
WHO KNOWS...
BOOOM
HAH!
HAH!



1ST SHOT IS GOOD!!

BUT THAT WAS CLOSE! I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA MISS~!

YOU IDIOT! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN MARI MISS ON THE 1ST SHOT?!

ANYWAY, ISN'T MARI BEING MORE CAUTIOUS THAN USUAL...?

WHY IS SHE HESITATING SO MUCH? NORMALLY SHE WOULD HAVE EMPTIED THE WHOLE CARTRIDGE BY NOW...!

THIS ISN'T YOUR STYLE, MARI, IS IT?

SH-PAA

SH-PAA

SH-PAA

HUFF ...!

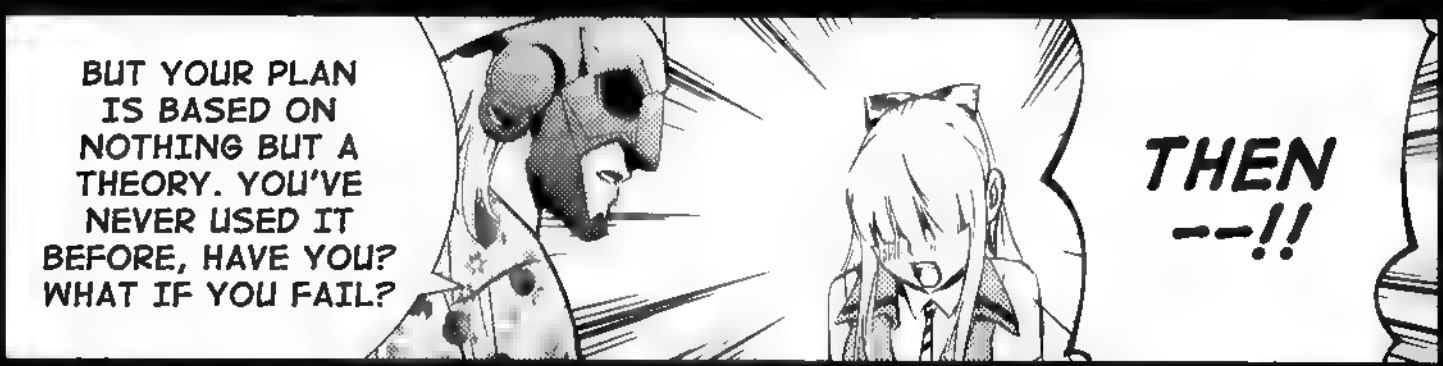
HUFF ...!

EP 0
BAAM
I SEE...
WHEN YOU SHOOT OUTDOORS, YOUR SCORE IS ABOUT AVERAGE.
MARI'S BODY MAY "REMEMBER" HER MARKSMANSHIP SKILLS, WHICH MAY HAVE HELPED
MOST OF THE LE PRINCE'S MARKSMANSHIP TESTS ARE CONDUCTED INDOORS, Y'KNOW.
AND HERE I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME AT THE CRACK OF DAWN
IN ANY CASE, IF YOU HAD ONLY WORN A BRA THAT FIT YOU RIGHT, I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN A BETTER SCORE...
BOING
WHOA?!

THE "PLAN" THAT YOU MENTIONED...
INDEED, A WOMAN LIKE BARBARA WILL HAVE A HARD TIME AGREEING TO IT.
EVEN IF YOU HATE CHEATING... IS IT REALLY WORTH THE RISK?
...YES, IT IS.

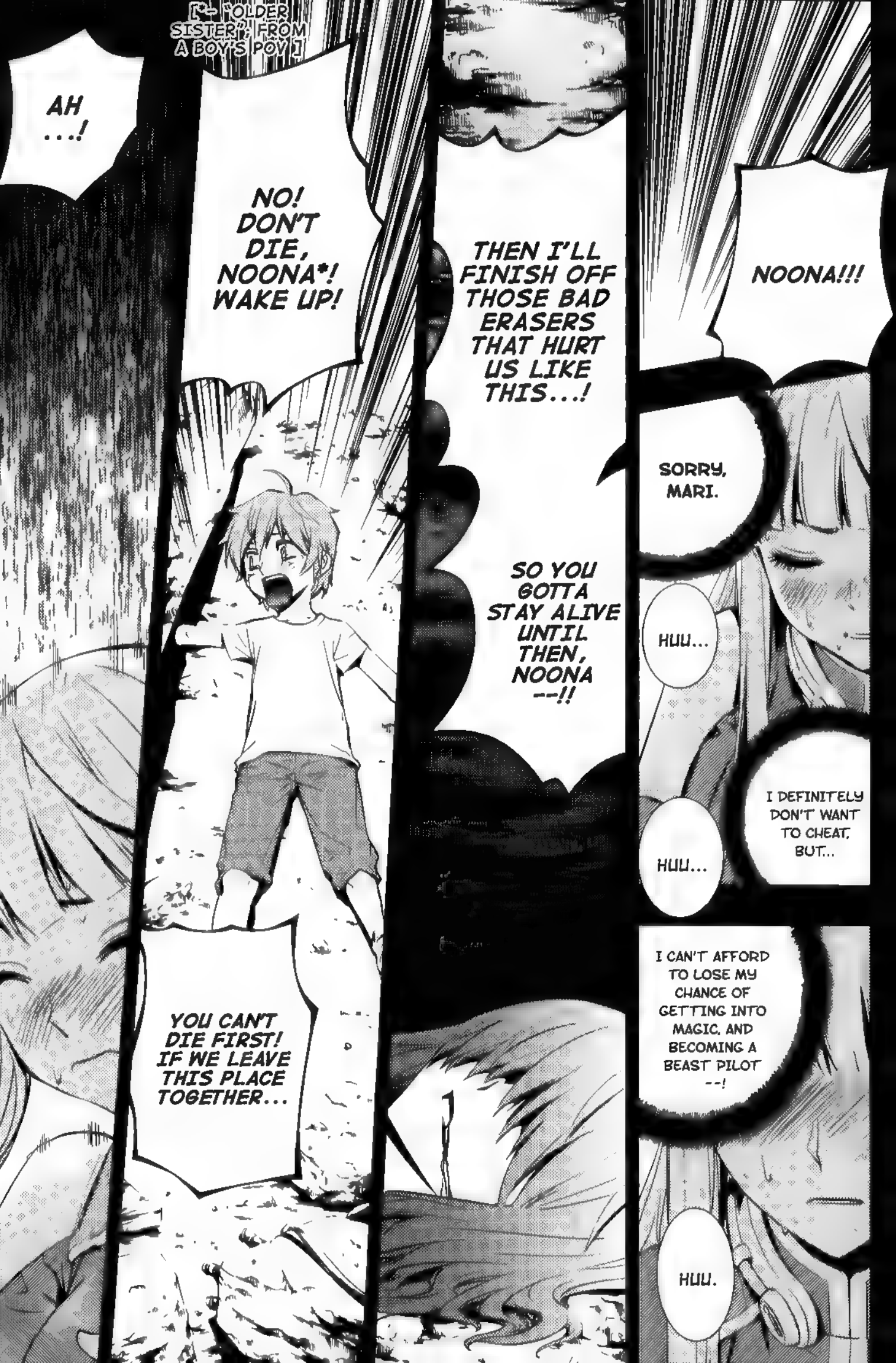
[TL- HAHA, NOTE THE FACE!]

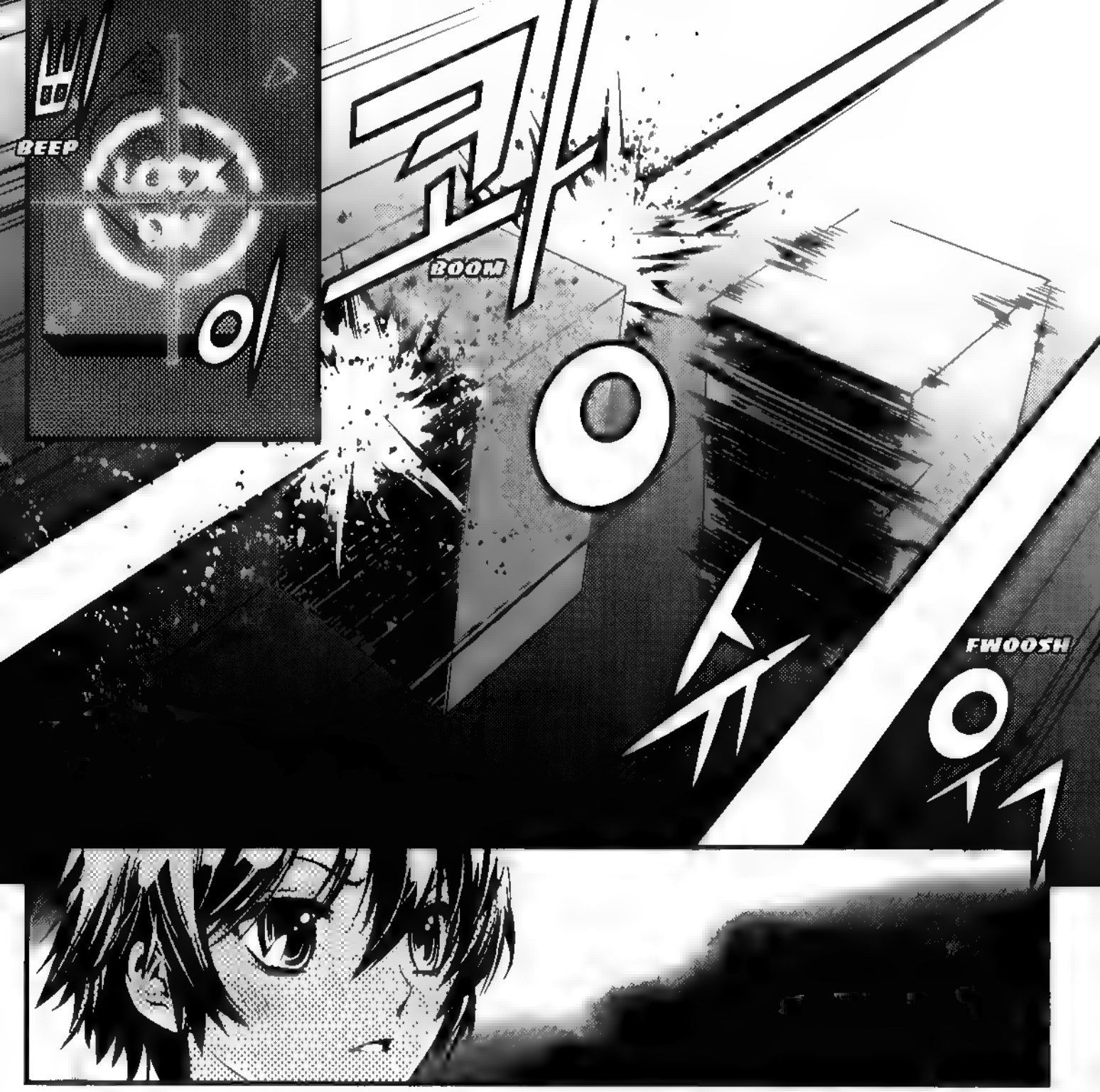
THERE IS A STUDENT WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS.
AND I THINK IT'S TOO CRUEL TO HAVE HER COMPETE AGAINST A PRE-DETERMINED SCORE.



I LIKE THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES, CHOI IL-GUN.
I KNOW THE COCKPIT WILL BE SEALED OFF REGARDLESS, BUT...
LET ME MOVE THE TEST OUTDOORS FOR YOU, IF THAT MIGHT HELP EVEN A LITTLE IN CALMING YOU DOWN BEFOREHAND.
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...
KA-BOOM
쾅
THEN THE REVERSE MAY ALSO HOLD TRUE!
HAH...
HAH...
MY CLAUSTROPHOBIA IS DUE TO TRAUMA FROM MY PAST.
I GET UNSTABLE WHENEVER THE SITUATION RESEMBLES THAT INCIDENT...

WHAT CHOI IL-GUN DOESN'T HAVE...!
JANG MARI HAS.
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?
UNTIL WE'RE RESCUED, WHENEVER YOU FEEL UNSTABLE...
SQUEEZE

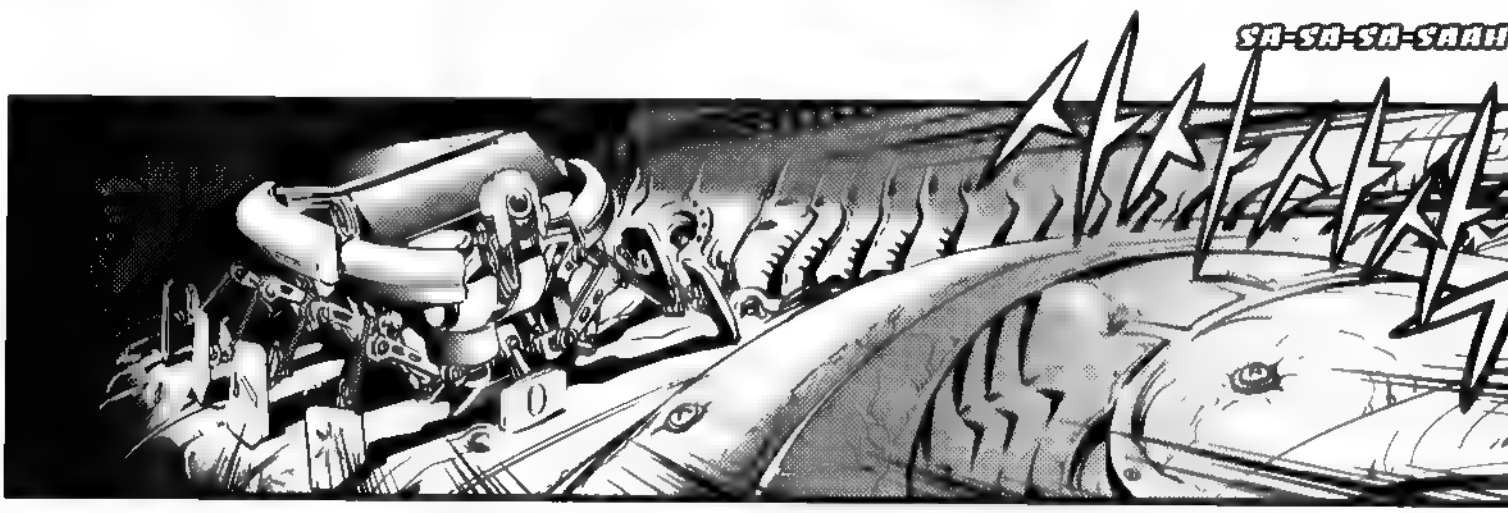

[*- "OLDER SISTER", FROM A BOY'S POV]
AH ...!
NO! DON'T DIE, NOONA*! WAKE UP!
YOU CAN'T DIE FIRST! IF WE LEAVE THIS PLACE TOGETHER...
THEN I'LL FINISH OFF THOSE BAD ERASERS THAT HURT US LIKE THIS...!
SO YOU GOTTA STAY ALIVE UNTIL THEN, NOONA --!!
NOONA!!!
SORRY, MARI.
HUU...
I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO CHEAT, BUT...
HUU...
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MY CHANCE OF GETTING INTO MAGIC, AND BECOMING A BEAST PILOT --!
HUU.

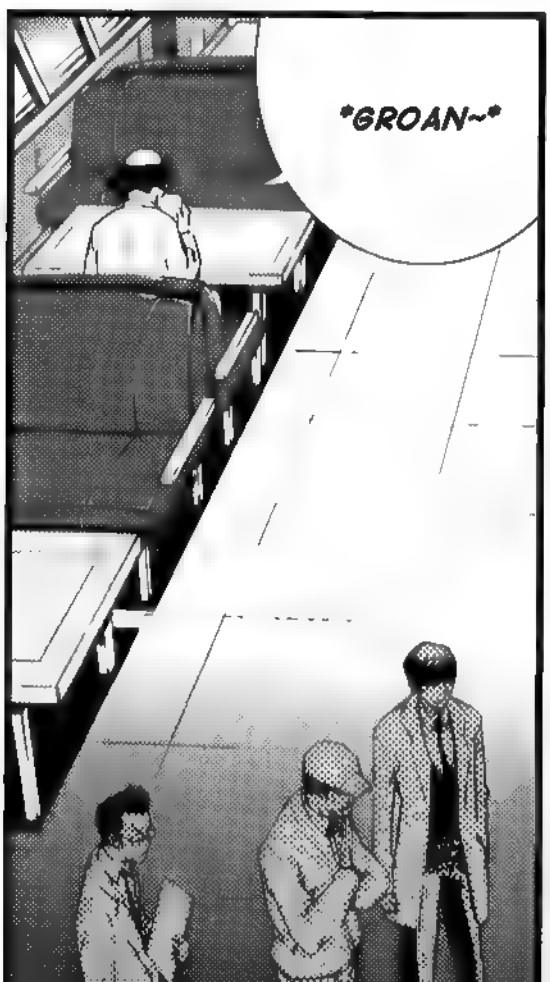

BEEP
BOOM
FWOOSH

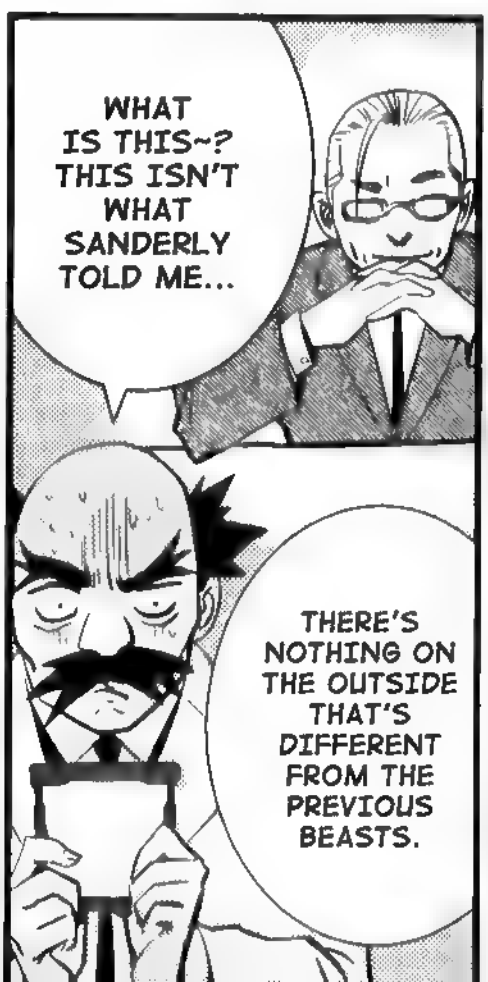
ONE MORE SHOT ON-TARGET, AND SHE'LL TIE WITH YOO HANA!
BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT!
DO YOU THINK SHE CAN COME FROM BEHIND?!

SHE CAN DO IT.
BUT AT THIS PACE, WITH SUCH LITTLE TIME...
SHE CAN DEFINITELY DO IT.
MARI IS...
MUCH MORE DELICATE INSIDE THAN SHE LOOKS.
IT MAY BE A STROKE OF LUCK OR FATE; BUT IF THE ERASERS HADN'T BEEN RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE...
WHAT?
AND INSTEAD HAD RESEMBLED HORRIBLE MONSTERS OR BUGS, STRAIGHT FROM OUR IMAGINATIONS...

I BET MARI WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN DREAMT ABOUT BECOMING A BEAST PILOT.
BECAUSE IF THERE WAS EVEN A HINT OF BUGS, MARI WOULD JUMP OUT OF BED AND COME TO ME IN TEARS.


SA-SA-SA-SAAH

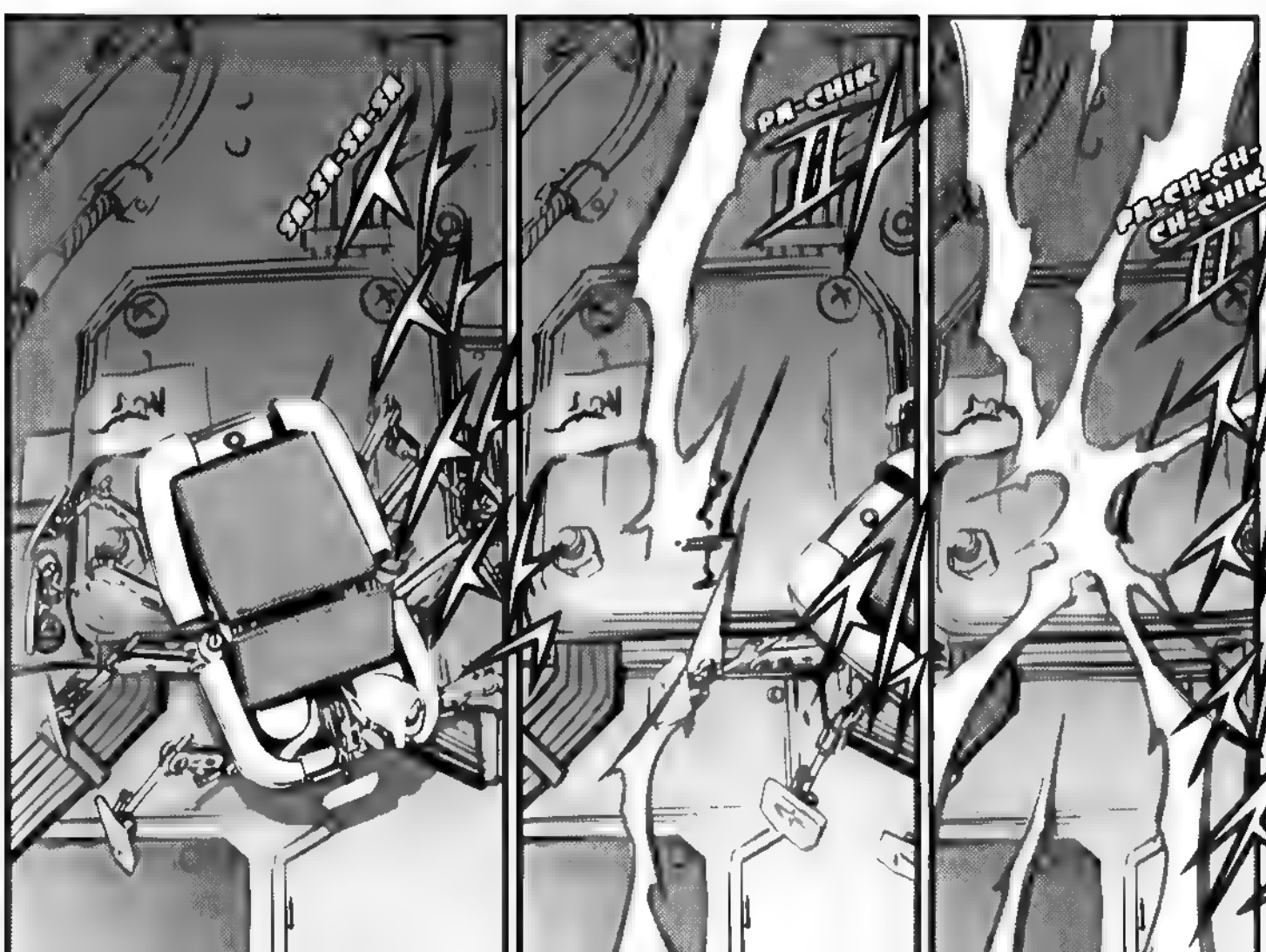

GROAN~


WHAT IS THIS~? THIS ISN'T WHAT SANDERLY TOLD ME...
THERE'S NOTHING ON THE OUTSIDE THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS BEASTS.

HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
THESE COMPONENTS...

HOW COULD THIS BE? ALL THE PARTS INSIDE BEAST UNIT 9 SHOULD BE NEW...
BUT THESE SPIRITUAL EGG CONNECTOR PARTS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE QUITE OLD...

DID I HIT THE JACKPOT?!
FLASH
THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE DANGEROUS, BUT... OH WELL, WHY DON'T I DIG A LITTLE DEEPER?


SA-SA-SA-SA
PA-CHIK
PA-CH-CH-CH-CHIK

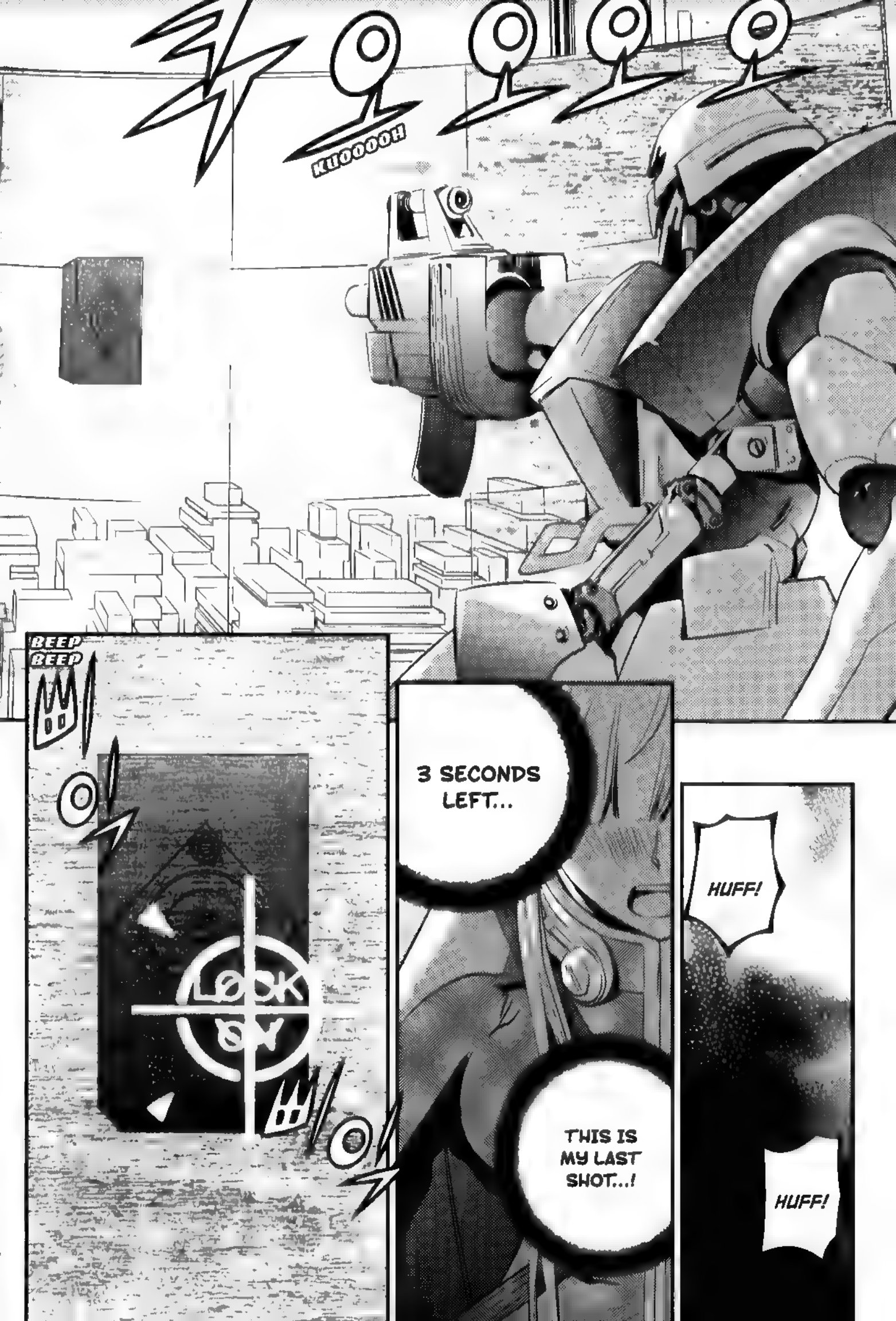
WHOOOOOM
BOOOOOM

RAWWWWR
SNAP SNAP

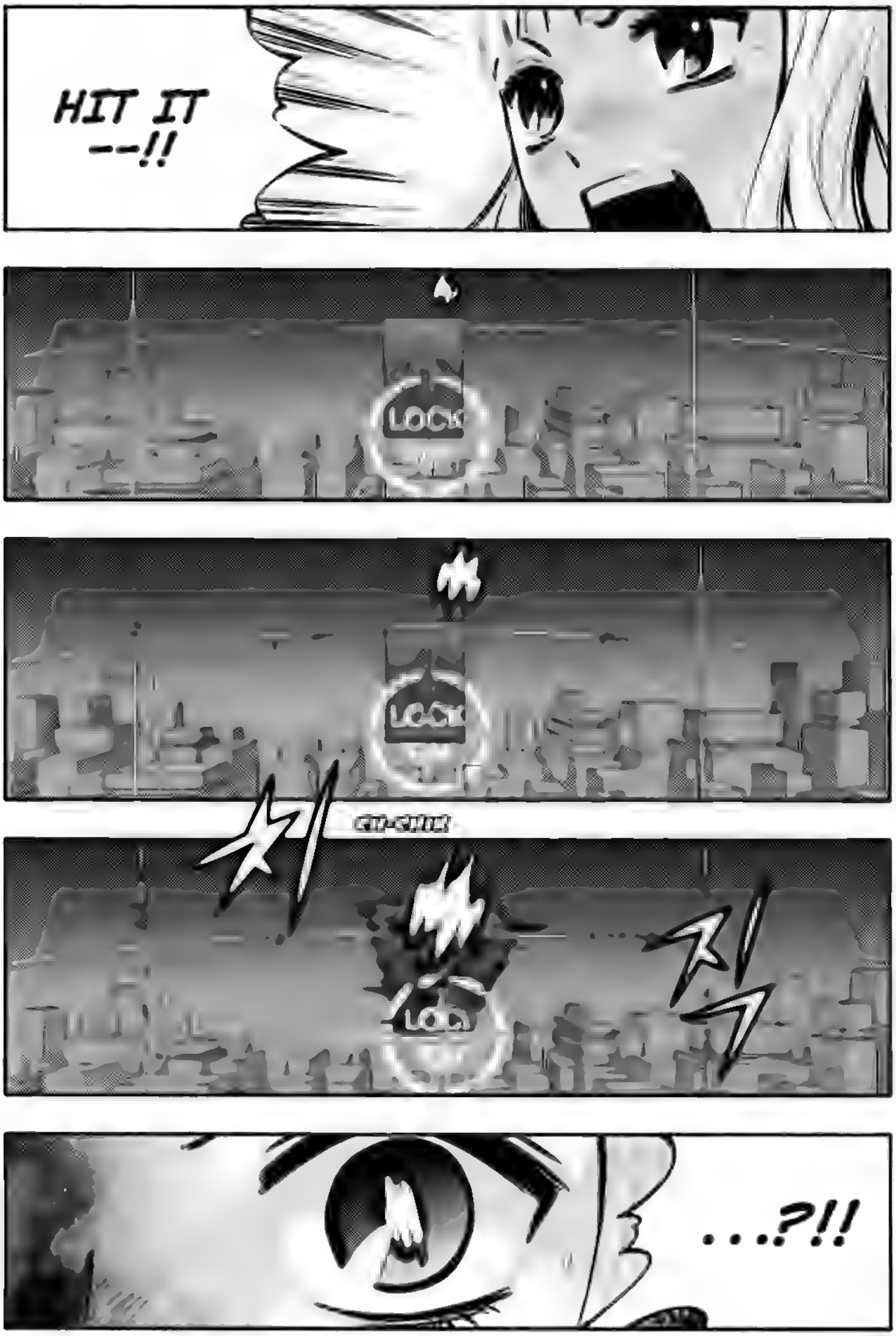
BOOM
BOOOOOM
WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?!
CRACK CRUMBLE
BEAST UNIT 9 ...!!
INTERNAL TEMPERATURE OF ITS SPIRITUAL EGG IS RISING!
CAUSE UNKNOWN --!!
EXTERNAL INPUT, SHUTDOWN!!
CODE ERROR, IN TOTO!
IT'S OUT OF CONTROL --!!
LUKE!!
--!!

KH-BOOOOOOM

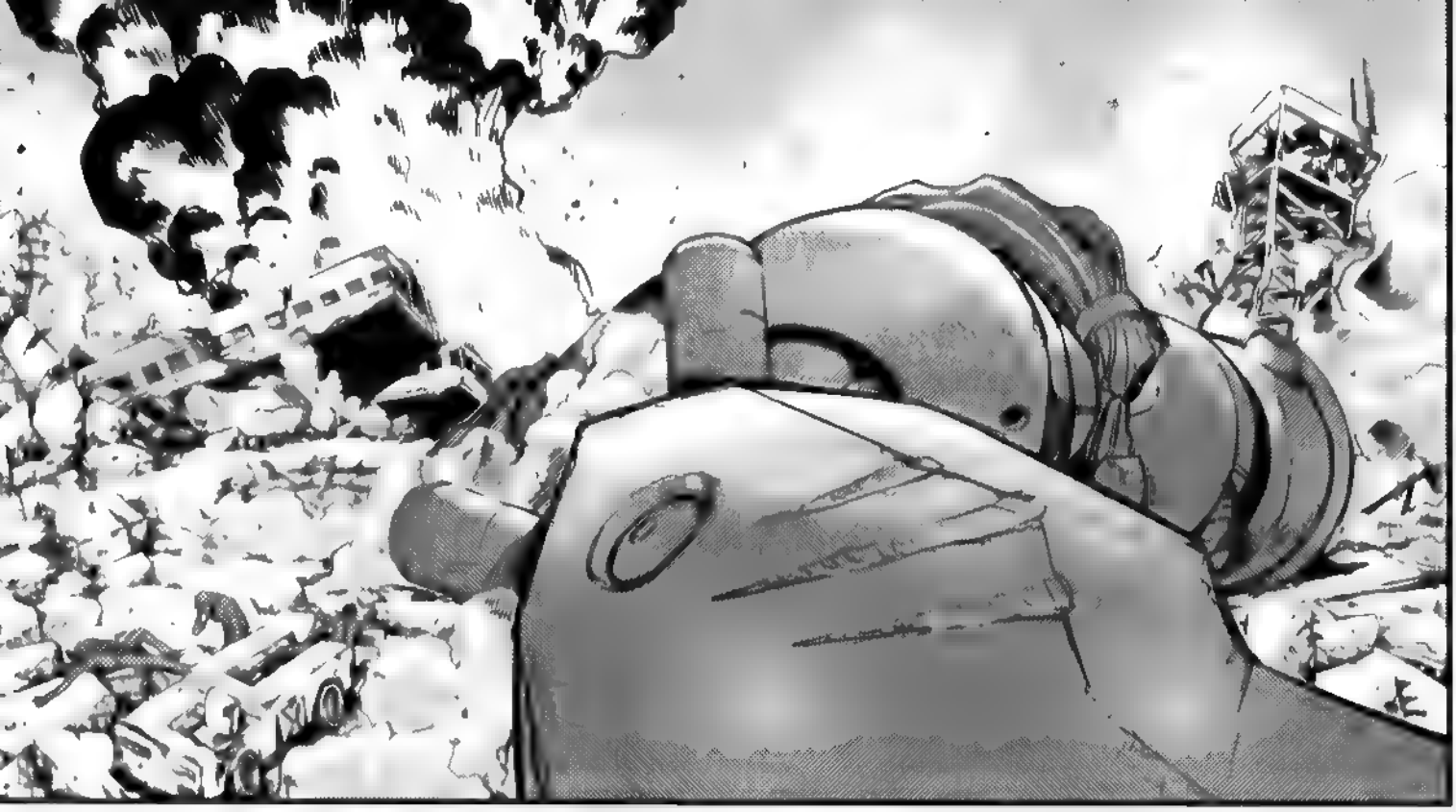
THE BEAST IS MOVING ...
WITHOUT A PILOT?!!


KLOOOOH
BEEP
BEEP
LOCK
3 SECONDS LEFT...
THIS IS MY LAST SHOT...!
HUFF!
HUFF!

MAGIC 07. Do me a flip


HIT IT --!!
LOCK
LOCK
GU-GUU
LOCK
...?!!

KA-POOOOOOM
KA-BOOM
IT'S...!
A BEAST'S ARM --?!!
BOOM!
WHOAAAH?!
WHAT...!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
KYAAAH --!!

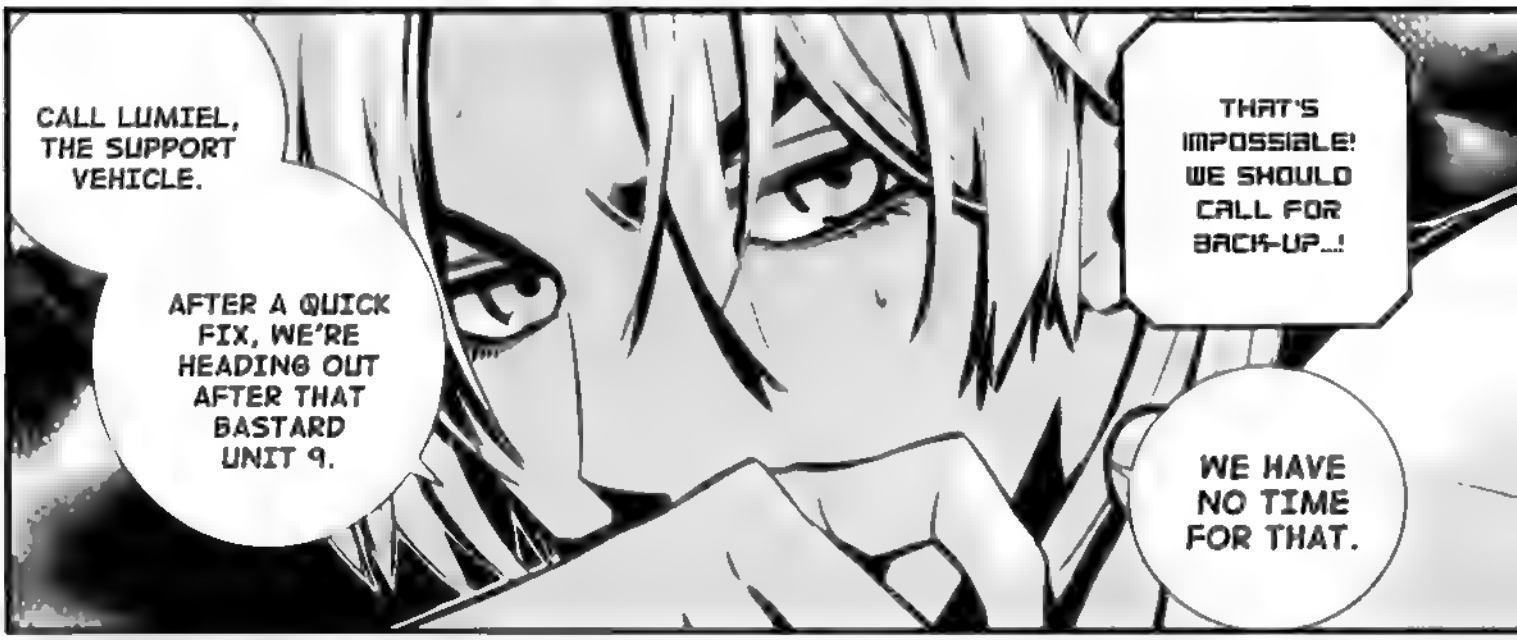


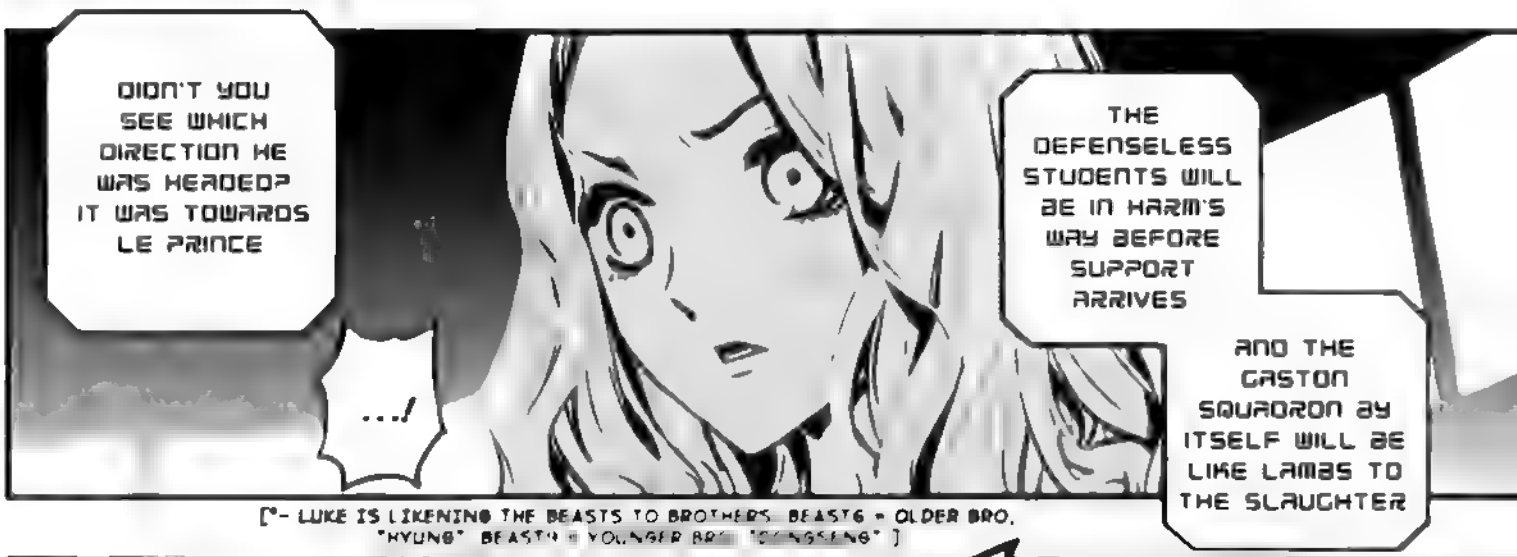
COUGH! COUGH!
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT ?!
IT'S A STATE OF EMERGENCY! I WANT A DAMAGE REPORT, NOW!

--KE!
LUKE! ARE YOU --IGHT?

Y- YEAH... SOMEHOW... AND YOU? WHAT'S OUR STATUS?

LEFT SIDE OF UNIT 6 DAMAGED. POWER OUTPUT DOWN BY 30%... NO MAJOR INJURIES FOR ME.
UNIT 6 CAN BE RE-ACTIVATED IN 10 SECONDS.


CALL LUMIEL, THE SUPPORT VEHICLE.
AFTER A QUICK FIX, WE'RE HEADING OUT AFTER THAT BASTARD UNIT 9.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WE SHOULD CALL FOR BACK-UP...!
WE HAVE NO TIME FOR THAT.

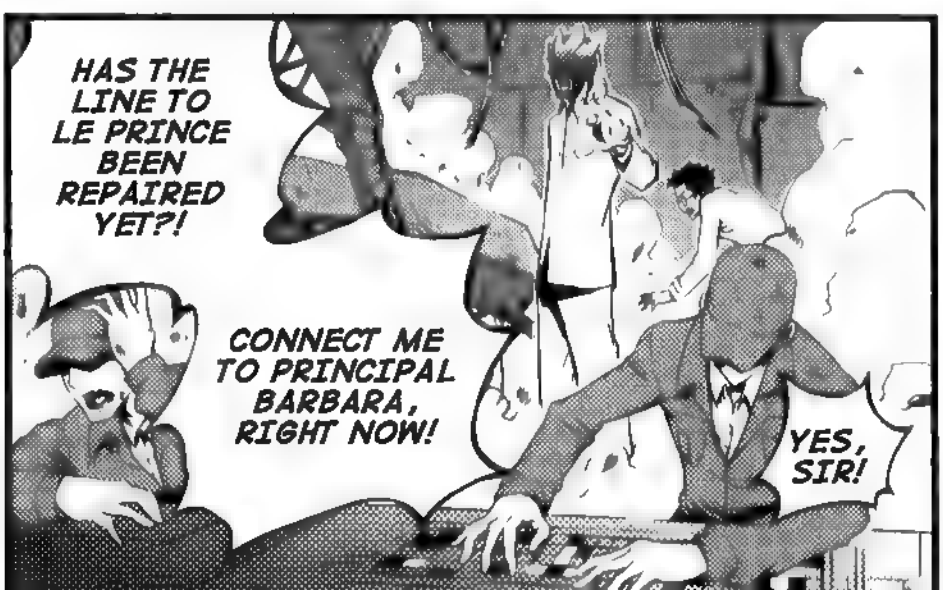

DIDN'T YOU SEE WHICH DIRECTION HE WAS HEADED? IT WAS TOWARDS LE PRINCE
.../
THE DEFENSELESS STUDENTS WILL BE IN HARM'S WAY BEFORE SUPPORT ARRIVES
AND THE GASTON SQUADRON BY ITSELF WILL BE LIKE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER

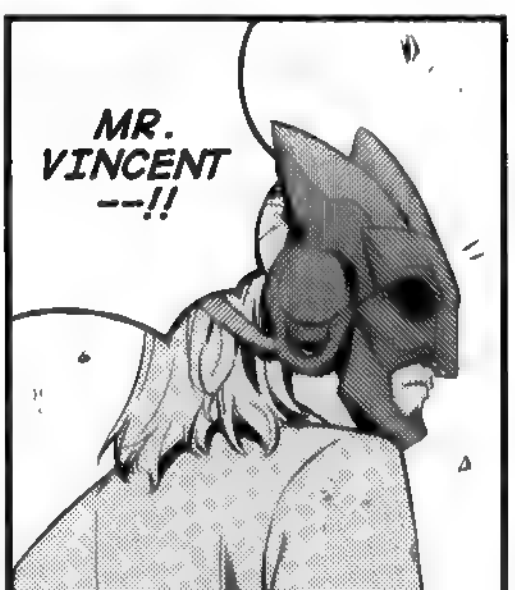
[*- LUKE IS LIKENING THE BEASTS TO BROTHERS. BEAST = OLDER BRO. "HYUNG" BEAST = YOUNGER BRO "DONGSENG"]

AN AMBUSH WORKS ONLY ON THE FIRST TIME!
KUUUU
TOOT
DU-DU-DU-DU
AND IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE "HYUNG" TO DISCIPLINE AN OUT-OF-CONTROL "DONGSENG"!!*

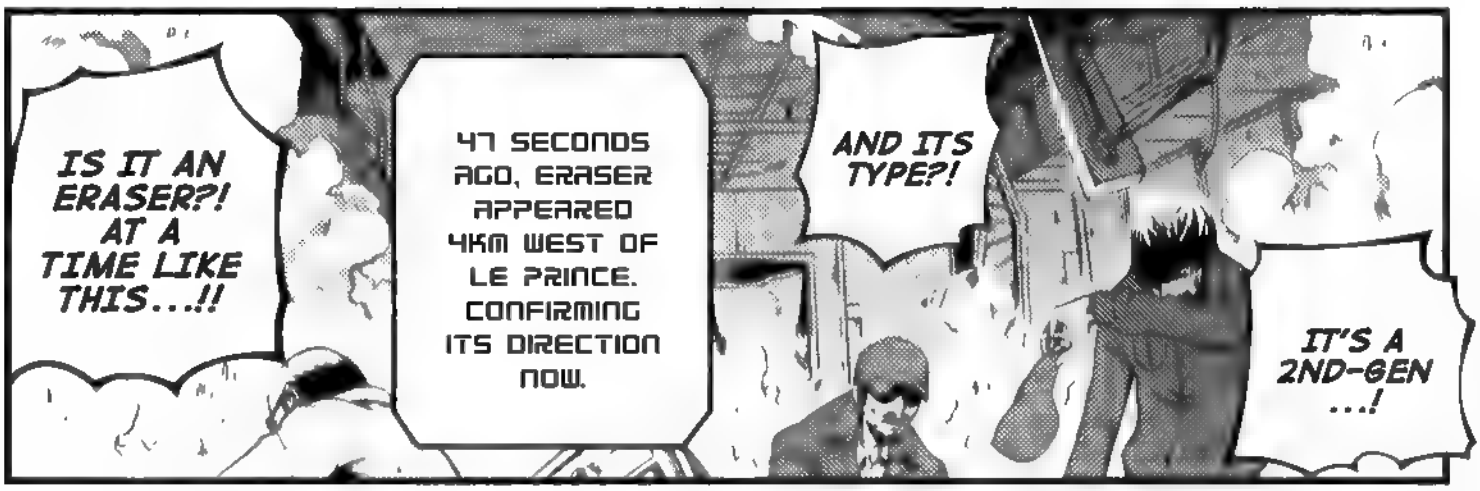
UNIT 9 IS CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TOWARDS LE PRINCE--!!
AT THIS RATE, IT WILL REACH LE PRINCE, AND ENTER INTO THE 7TH KATA LEAON TERRITORY IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES.
BOOM BOOM
BOOM BOOM

NO WAY... HAS IT MISTAKEN MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE SPIRITUAL EGG, WHICH WAS TRANSPLANTED FROM UNIT 7, AS THE BELLE?
CHOI IL-GUN, OR JANG MARI'S PHYSICAL BODY, IS STILL AT LE PRINCE. SO, THE OUT-OF-CONTROL UNIT 9'S ULTIMATE GOAL HAS TO BE...!


HAS THE LINE TO LE PRINCE BEEN REPAIRED YET?!
CONNECT ME TO PRINCIPAL BARBARA, RIGHT NOW!
YES, SIR!


MR. VINCENT --!!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED NOW...?!
SIR ...
IT'S AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE SURVEIL-LANCE GROUP.
...!


IS IT AN ERASER?! AT A TIME LIKE THIS...!!
47 SECONDS AGO, ERASER APPEARED 4KM WEST OF LE PRINCE. CONFIRMING ITS DIRECTION NOW.
AND ITS TYPE?!
IT'S A 2ND-GEN ...!

A 2ND GENERATION ?!
HOW DID THEY ANALYZE IT SO QUICKLY?!
DID ANY TROOPS MAKE CONTACT?!
THERE'S NO NEED TO DO AN ANALYSIS OR WHATEVER.
SINCE THE SIZE IS...

3 TIMES THE REGULAR ERASER.
KUOOOOOH

HUH?
WHO... IS THAT?
WHEN'D SHE GET UP THERE?

I NEED YOUR HELP, BELLE--
OR RATHER, CHOI IL-GUN.

BA-BOOM
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
I DIDN'T SEE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE BEAST'S AWAKENING PROCESS...
BOOM
AND ABOVE ALL, THAT BASTARD VINCENT ISN'T THE TYPE TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES.
IF THERE WERE ANY IRREGULARITIES THIS TIME, THEN...
BA-BOOM
THAT THING THAT INFILTRATED BEAST'S BODY...
COLD SWEAT
NAHHH, CERTAINLY NOT FROM THAT...?
I MEAN, IT NEVER TOUCHED ANY INTERNAL ORGANS...
SWEATING BULLETS
IT ONLY FILMED THE INTERIOR A LITTLE...

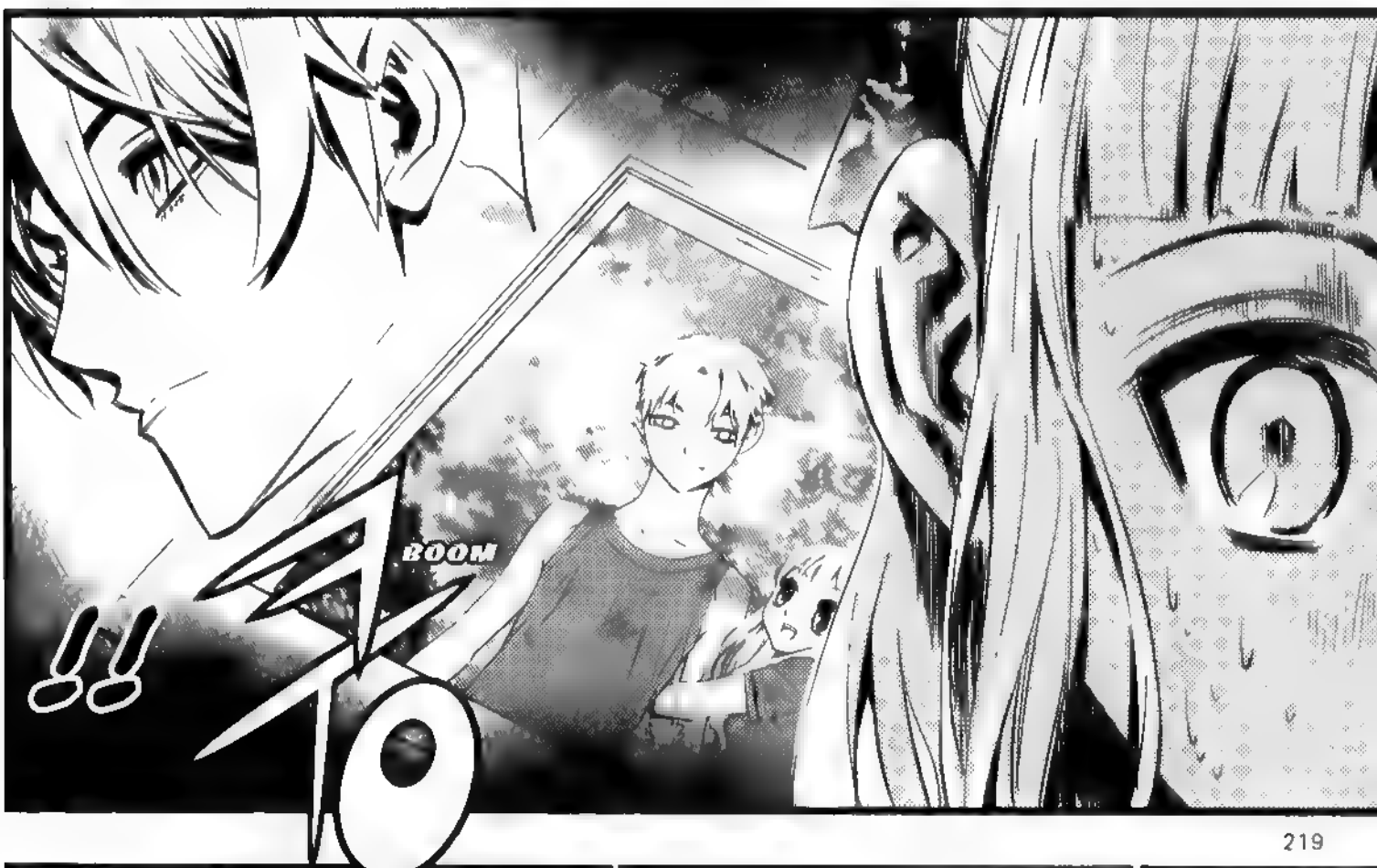
EVEN IF IT IS THE FAULT OF THAT INFILTRATOR DEVICE, CLAIRANCE IS THE ONE WHO MADE IT! SO I STILL HAVE A WAY OUT!
IN ANY CASE, THIS INCIDENT WILL BE A BLEMISH ON VINCENT, WHICH WILL CRIPPLE HIM!
NOW IS THE CHANCE TO TOPPLE THE BASTARD!
I CAN USE THIS TO PRESSURE HIM, AND FINALLY GET MY HANDS ON OVER-TECHNOLOGY --!!
BUT BEFORE THAT...
I...
NEED TO BE RESCUED, BEFORE I DIE...
OI! ANYONE OUT THERE?!
OI~!!
DR. MORRIS THE TOP BRAIN OF HUMANITY IS OVER HERE--!!

STAY BACK, IT'S DANGEROUS!
PSHHH
KUOOOOH
ARE THERE ANY INJURED?! WHAT HAPPENED ...?!
OVER HERE! SOMEBODY HELP US!
HAH.
CHIIIIIK
HAH.
THIS KID.. HOW COME SHE KNOWS MY IDENTITY?
YOU... JUST WHO ARE YOU?
THERE'S NO TIME FOR AN INTRODUCTION.
IF WE DON'T HURRY, YOU MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO YOUR BODY... AND LE PRINCE MAY DISAPPEAR IN ITS ENTIRETY.
WHAT ?!

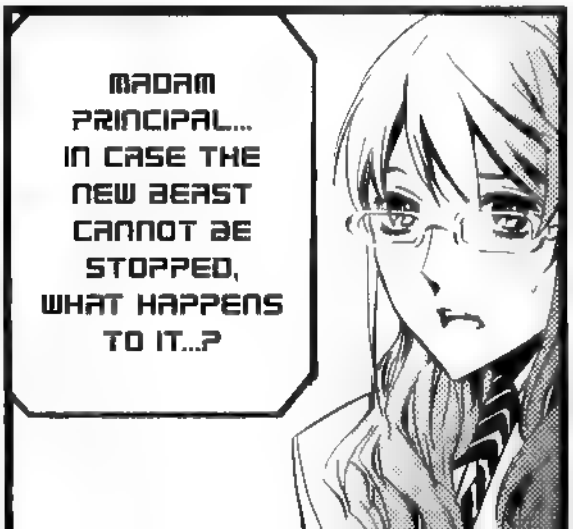
I ALSO CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THE BELLE WHOM I FOUND AFTER SEARCHING FOR SO LONG.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE "PLAN" BETWEEN ME AND VINCENT...
SHE KNOWS MR. VINCENT?!
CHHHK--
JANG MARI... NO, CHOI IL-GUN!
MADAM PRINCIPAL!
THERE'S BEEN AN INCIDENT! THE TEST IS STOPPED!
HURRY AND EVACUATE FROM THAT PLACE!!
THE SPIRITUAL EGG FROM THE WRECKED UNIT 7...!
...?!
THE NEW BEAST, WHICH HAS THAT SPIRITUAL EGG, AND MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS ALONG WITH IT -- THAT BEAST HAS GONE BERSERK DURING TESTING!
THERE'S A CHANCE IT INTERPRETED MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS AS THE BELLE...!
AND IN ITS INCOMPLETE STATE, THE BEAST MAY BE LOOKING FOR MARI'S BODY!!

BUT SINCE WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO RETURN THE BOTH OF YOU TO YOUR ORIGINAL SELVES...
THE BEAST'S ACTIONS ARE VERY DANGEROUS!

BEAST UNIT 6 HAS GONE TO SUPPRESS IT, BUT...
JUST IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS, YOU AT LEAST SHOULD EVACUATE.


BOOM

W- WAIT! SO THE NEW BEAST, WITH MARI INSIDE...
IS FIGHTING AGAINST ANOTHER BEAST WITH ITS PILOT, LUKE, WHOM MARI LIKES?!


MADAM PRINCIPAL... IN CASE THE NEW BEAST CANNOT BE STOPPED, WHAT HAPPENS TO IT...?

WE CANNOT PUBLICIZE THE SITUATION THAT THE BOTH OF YOU ARE IN...
SO, IF THE NEW BEAST CANNOT BE RESTRAINED, AND IF IT IS JUDGED TO BE A DANGER TO HUMANS...
THEN WE'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SCRAP IT
ON TOP OF WHICH, AN ERASER HAS BEEN SIGHTED NEARBY-- WHICH IS WHY WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DOUBLE THE THREAT TO HUMANS.
MY GOAL
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S DANGEROUS!
MARI...
WAS PROTECTING ME, AND..?

IT'S OKAY... YOU CAN LIVE ON...
AND WHEN YOU... GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE, THEN YOU MUST...
DEFEAT THE ERASER...
AND PROTECT... ME... AND OTHERS...
CHOI... IL-GUN?!
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THERE'S ...
STILL SOMETHING I CAN DO!

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I STILL HAVE....!
SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO!
THAT PRETTY GIRL WHO IS CONNECTED TO VINCENT.... AND WHO KNOWS MY SITUATION...
I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS, OR WHAT HER GOALS ARE... BUT I KNOW THAT SHE'S TRYING TO HELP ME.
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NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO QUIBBLE OVER DETAILS!
I HAVE A REQUEST! PLEASE TELL ME!!
TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO NOW...!
HMPH
BUT I WAS THE ONE...
WHO MADE A REQUEST FIRST.

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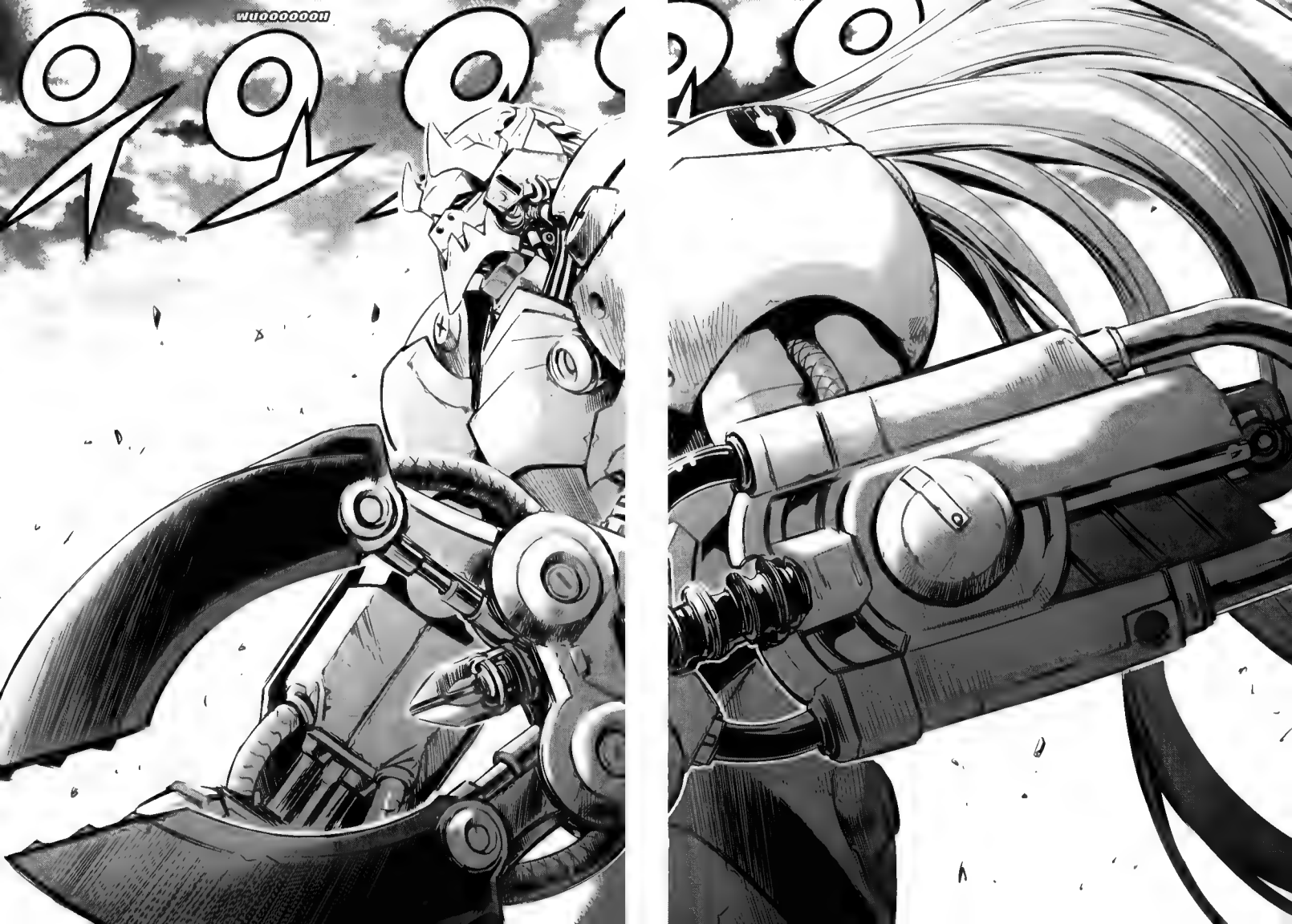
THE
BOOM
CH-CHIK
PA-CHIK
IT'S DARK...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHY AM I IN SUCH A PLACE?
IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE--?

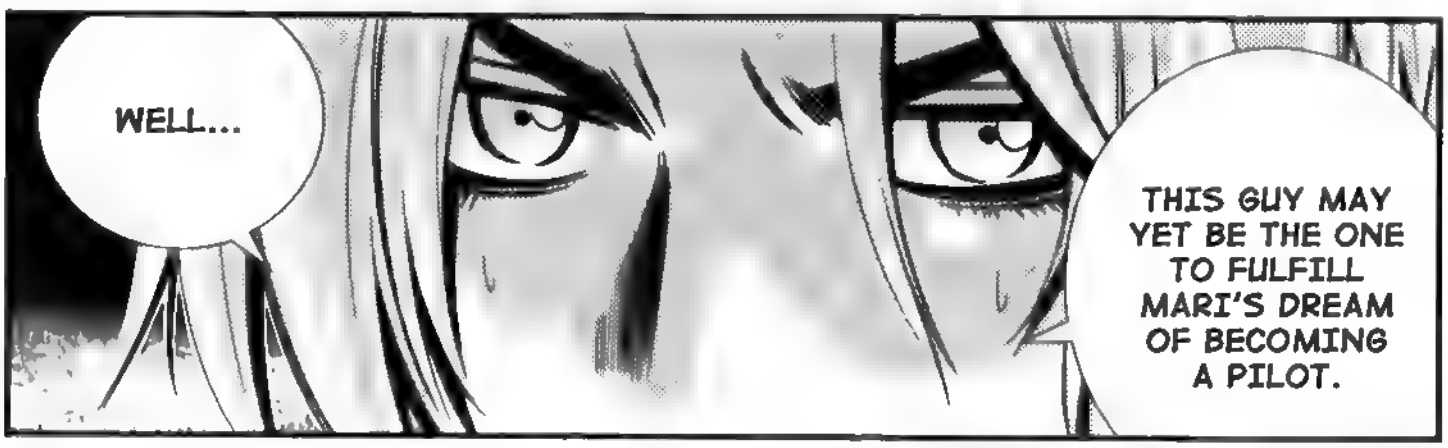
WHAT'S WRONG, MARI... DID THE BUGS COME OUT AGAIN?
LUKE OPPA?
ARE YOU STILL AFRAID OF BUGS...? YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD.
BUT...!
IT'S OKAY NOW.
DID YOU CATCH THEM, OPPA?
YEP, AND THAT'S WHY...
IT'S NOW TIME TO CATCH MARI.
--?!!

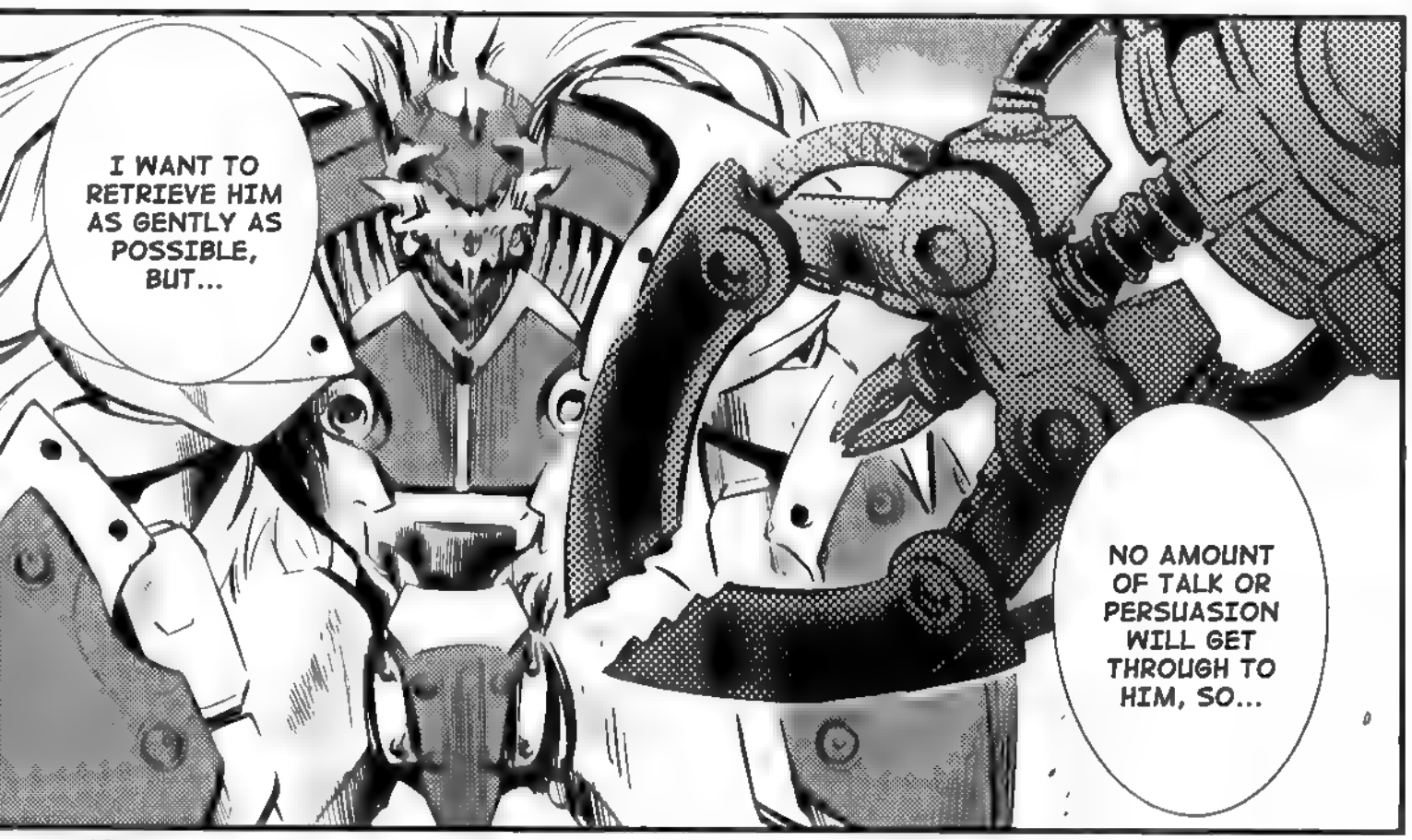
KYAAAH !!!
BOOOOM
KUOOOOOOOH
---!

KUAAAH
IT ENDS HERE!
I WON'T LET YOU GO NEAR LE PRINCE, WHERE MARI IS!!
PA-CHIK PA-CHIK
BAM BA-BAM
BOOOOM


WUOOOOOOH

LUKE, LET ME FIRST CONFIRM SOMETHING.
OUR ORDERS FROM MAGIC WERE, "IN CASE UNIT 9 PROVES UNCONTROLLABLE, DISPOSE OF IT QUICKLY; THEN HEAD OUT TO INTERCEPT THE 2ND-GEN ERASER"...
BUT FOR YOU TO CHOOSE THIS PART USED FOR "CAPTURE", IT MEANS...


WELL...
THIS GUY MAY YET BE THE ONE TO FULFILL MARI'S DREAM OF BECOMING A PILOT.

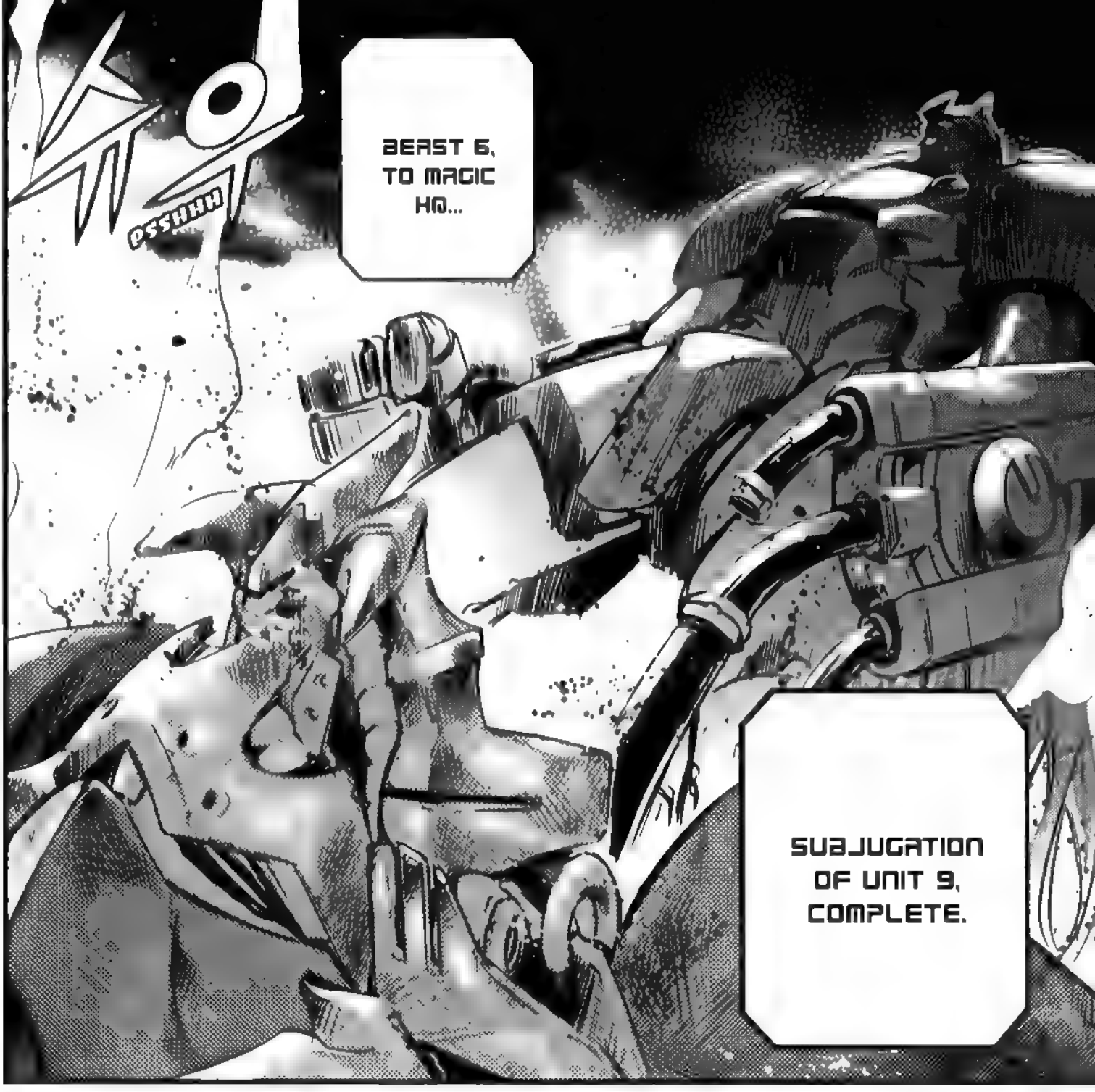

I WANT TO RETRIEVE HIM AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT...
NO AMOUNT OF TALK OR PERSUASION WILL GET THROUGH TO HIM, SO...

WHY DON'T I START BY...
TUHAAA
PAYING HIM BACK FOR THIS ARM?!
GRAB
PAA
!!
DUUUM

KA-BAAM
PAM
SRUUUUSH

BA-BOOOM
GRAWWR
GRAB

PA-CH-CH-CH-CHIK
PULLING IT OUT BY FORCE... THAT WON'T DO.
PA-CHIK
……!


KO
PSSHHH
BEAST 6, TO MAGIC HQ...
SUBJUGATION OF UNIT 9, COMPLETE.

GOOD JOB. AS EXPECTED OF ONE OF MAGIC'S TOP 3.
OUR PLEASURE.
BUT FIRST... HOW IS THE SITUATION WITH THE 2ND-GEN ERASER?
THE NEARBY GASTON SQUADRON HAS ENGAGED IT...
BUT IT'S PROBABLY INADEQUATE.

WHOOM
WHOOOOM
WHOOOOM
WHOOM
!!

WHAT KIND OF FORM IS THAT?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT IN THE DATABASE!
YOU FOOL, THAT'S WHY IT'S A 2ND-GEN! STAY SHARP!!

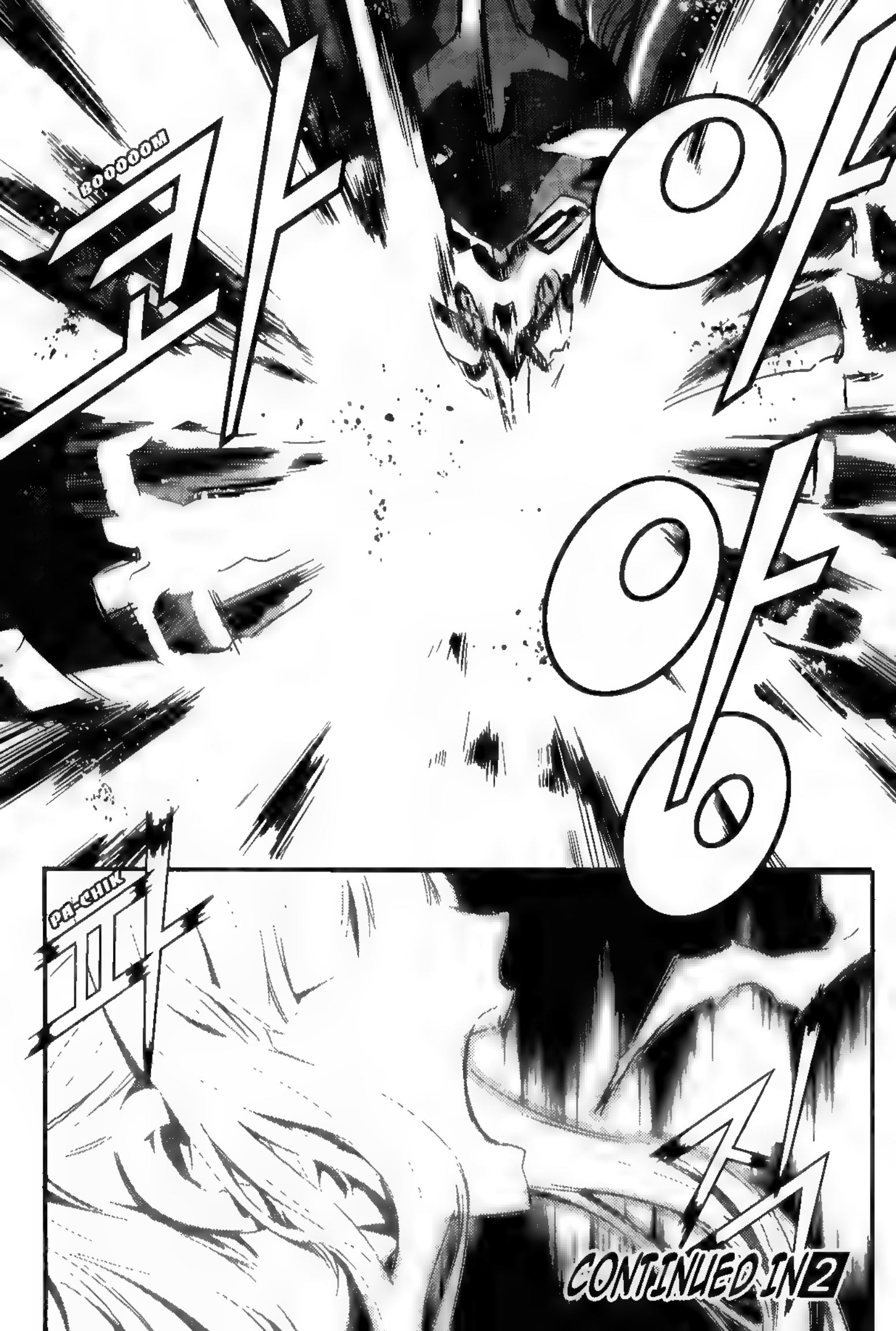
PA-PA-PA
WHAAAM
BOOOOM
WHOAAA!!
S- STAY CALM--!
ITS BIGGER SIZE SHOULD MAKE IT SLOWER, SO AS LONG AS WE CAN TRACK IT...!

BOOOOM
BOOM
T- THIS IS CRAZY!
ITS AXIS OF MOVEMENT KEEPS SWITCHING ...!
AND THE LAST PANEL'S ACCELERA-TION IS NO JOKE!
BOOOOM
ARRRRGH --!!
...THAT'S THE SITUATION NOW.
I KNOW YOU'RE INJURED, BUT COULD YOU GO AND SUPPORT THEM, QUICKLY?
I UNDERSTAND, SIR.

THE UNIT 9 SITUATION HAS ENDED...
BUT HOW DID IT HAPPEN? AND FOR IT TO COINCIDE WITH THIS ATTACK FROM THE 2ND-GEN ERASER IS...
JENNY, SEND A REQUEST TO LUMIEL FOR OPTIONAL PARTS REPLACEMENT ...
L- LUKE! LUKE!
LUKE, OVER THERE...!
?!

VOOOOOOOOM
KIIIIIING

WHAT IN THE...?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE --!!
STOP! IF YOU USE THAT AT SUCH CLOSE RANGE, THEN...!!


BOOOOOM
PA-CHIK
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AND NOW A NOTE FROM OUR TRANSLATOR:

THE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONAL LEVELS IN BEAST 9

(REFER.
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FROM LARGE TO SMALL -- "BRIGADE" > "SQUADRON / GROUP" > "TEAM / UNIT"

"MAGIC BRIGADE" -- THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, COMPOSED OF EVERYTHING FROM THE BEAST TO THE HUMAN TROOPS, GASTON TROOPS, SUPPORT GROUPS

MAGIC BRIGADE HAS THREE BRANCHES (SO FAR) --

(1)THE "BEAST SQUADRON" -- HAS 9 "BEAST UNITS" (NUMBERED 1-9 SO FAR), WITH TWO PILOTS PER BEAST. "TEAM" AND "UNIT" ARE INTERCHANGEABLE, BUT "UNIT" ALSO SPECIFIES THE ROBOT ITSELF (AS WHEN UNIT 9 RAN AWAY ON ITS OWN WITHOUT ANY PILOTS INSIDE).

(2) THE "GASTON SQUADRON" - CONSISTS OF GASTON ROBOTS AND ITS PILOTS. THEY USUALLY SERVE AS BACK-UP, AND BUY TIME FOR THE BEAST TO ARRIVE. PRESUMABLY, THEY ARE GROUPED INTO SMALLER GASTON TEAMS OR GROUPS.

(3) THE "SURVEILLANCE GROUP" -- DEDICATED TO SIGHTING AND TRACKING ERASER; MAY BE INDEPENDENT OF MAGIC

THE REASON FOR MY ATTEMPT AT EXPLAINING THE ORGANIZATION?

STRANGELY THE AUTHOR USES ONLY ONE TERM, "BOO-DAE", WHICH TRANSLATES TO "TROOPS" -- AND APPLIES IT VERY BROADLY TO EVERYTHING -- FROM HUMAN SOLDIERS TO DIFFERENT GROUPS LIKE MAGIC, GASTON, BEAST, THE BEAST TEAM, ITS MEMBERS ETC. HE ALSO USES "CORPS" WITHIN A CHAPTER TITLE TO MEAN THE BEAST UNIT (ALTHOUGH "CORPS" IS A VERY BIG BODY WITHIN THE ARMY). IT WAS CONFUSING ENOUGH FOR ME, AS IT WERE, TO TRY AND MAKE SENSE OF THE LOGIC BEHIND IT (APPARENTLY NONE). I HOPE MY USE OF TERMS LIKE "BRIGADE", "SQUADRON", AND "UNIT" IN THE TRANSLATION WILL HELP THE READERS BETTER UNDERSTAND AND ENJOY THIS MANHWA.

Beast 9
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